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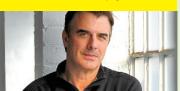








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News worth sharing

Watson vows to keep an eye on the books

• Mayor and 23 councillors were sworn in last night at the Shenkman Arts Centre • Watson pledged to cut red tape for business, freeze sports and recreation fees



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson promised to keep an eye on taxes and spending, appoint an independent integrity commissioner at city hall and help the homeless in his inauguration speech last night.

Watson, who had promised during the campaign to keep tax increases to 2.5 per cent, said he's asked staff to impose an immediate freeze on hiring, consulting and repurposing unspent accounts until tighter fiscal controls can be brought in. "City hall needs to show that it understands again just how hard people work

for their money," he said.

WikiLeaks

Has scandal gone 'way overboard'?

MPs call furor surrounding leaks a 'distraction' from greater issues (page 3) New U.S. docs highlight Canada's 'inferiority complex' {page 8} Site's founder surrounded by controversy {page 10}

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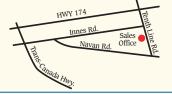


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WikiLeaks flap overblown: MPs

• Dewar expects to see more documents related to the war in Afghanistan, climate talks and the UN Security Council, where Canada recently failed in a bid for a seat

With WikiLeaks saying there are as many as 2,648 documents about Canada among the quarter-million it plans to release in coming days, some local MPs are saying this has gone "way overboard."

"There's a legitimate concern about certain information being disclosed that could affect international relations and foreign affairs." said Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar, the

NDP's Foreign Affairs critic. "If there were

"That said, I think some people have gone way overboard," he said, singling out former Harper adviser Tom Flanagan, who this week said Wiki-Leaks founder Julian Assange should be assassinated. "I'm hoping that people, as someone said, just take a valium on some of this, like, don't go overboard on it," he said.

instances where people were breaking laws and people were not telling the truth ... then that's valid information."

MP PAUL DEWAR, NDP FOREIGN AFFAIRS CRITIC

"I'm disappointed with all of this," said David

McGuinty, Liberal MP for Ottawa South.

"There are exchanges that go on a regular basis between officials, staff, heads of mission and home governments, and those exchanges are expected to be confidential, if not super-confidential."

Ultimately, all of this is not necessarily a productive exercise, he said.

"There are so many important problems facing

our country, facing the planet, so many things to improve ... The information release is a bit of a distraction from other very, very meaningful priorities"

Dewar said he expects to see more on "our relationship with the U.S." and "probably on issues of our challenge in doing diplomatic affairs abroad."

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• We were looking for a tool to facilitate community engagement,' says designer of interactive site

Move over, Facebook.

Whether you're looking to make an announce-ment, share an event, connect with contacts, look for resources or for volunteers for your organization, a new website by Carleton University has it covered.

yesterday Carleton launched its community engagement site, meant as a venue "for facilitating relationships of all kinds.'

The site, which features an interactive bulletin board, "is intended to be an open forum ... for the community to engage with the university and community-based organizations about issues that are important to our community," said Kather-

"Its purposes are different from some of the other social media. This is more of a community development tool. It's not just another Facebook. I think it will be more than that."

TIM SIMBOLI, OTTAWA FAMILY SERVICES

ine Graham, senior adviser at the Office of the Provost.

It's important that the community have access to something like this, said Graham.

"Community organizations can interact with each other. It's very consistent to our commitment to engage with our community.

Carleton web developer and the site's designer, Taylor Smith, said the site is "extremely easy to use

- as easy as Facebook."

Tim Šimboli, who represented community organizations, thinks it will catch on. "The city is growing constantly, so to have a way of connecting nearly a million people that live in the region ... you need something like that to make sense of it all," he said. TRACEY TONG



Check it out at www2.carleton.ca /communityengagement

PSAC members ratify new contract

Just over half of Public Service Alliance of Canada members voted for a new agreement with the federal government, ratifying it by a narrow margin, PSAC president John Gordon announced yesterday.

The deal gives over 95,000 employees — including 30,000 public servants in the National Capital Region — a 5.3 per cent wage increase over three years, but in return, they will no longer receive severance payments when they resign or retire from

the public service.

"Let me state the obvious," Gordon said. "This was a very close vote. Durthe ratification process, we heard from many of our members who are unsatisfied with the agreement, particularly the provision to cash out



voluntary severance and end its future accumulation'

Gordon said the debate among members was a healthy one, and though they realized the need for belt-tightening, PSAC would guard against any further "erosion" of benefits, or of government serv-

"Public service workers are the lifeblood of our economic recovery.

PSAC PRESIDENT JOHN GORDON

"For our membership, certainly they understand the economic conditions of Canada and that's why they've supported this collective agreement, but they also remember how this government and other governments have treated them by negotiating wages in the past and rolling them back and taking away money from them.

The largest group of PSAC members, 81,500 workers classified as Program and Administrative Services, voted 52.1 per cent in favour of the contract. steve collins

Another Ottawa prison video released

Ottawa's police force is dealing with yet another cellblock video, just days after dramatic images of a woman in custody ignited criticism from a judge and "troubled" the premier.

A video from 2009 released yesterday shows homeless man Terry Delay being kicked by an officer as he's dragged into a police cell.

Chief Vern White says the video may cause further public concerns about how Ottawa police officers deal with people in cus-

The Delay video comes on heels of video released last week of 27-year-old Stacy Bonds being kneed and having her clothes cut off in an Ottawa police sta-

Other allegations

- Ottawa police also have been served notice that another woman, Roxanne Carr, is alleging abuse while in custody.
- In a notice of action filed last August, Carr accuses police of "assault and use of excessive force" in 2008.

tion in 2008.

Charges against Bonds were staved earlier this year by a judge who said he was "appalled" at her treatment and termed it an "indignity."

Published reports say Delay was charged with assaulting the officer who but that kicked him.

charge was stayed after a judge saw the video. The reports also say both Delay and Bonds were hit by the same officer — a special constable.

The Delay video "has been considered by the judge in the Stacy Bonds matter and as such is part of the ongoing Ontario Special Investigations Unit investigation," White said yesterday in a release.

Ottawa police will not be making further comments until the SIU probe completed, White said.

Video of Bonds' 2008 strip search was released last Thursday after Justice Richard Lajoie's decision last month to stay charges of public intoxication and assault the CANADIAN PRESS



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It's hard work saving sick kids

Miracle Network can save lives, says nine-year-old Public can make donations starting tomorrow



The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario has been accused of having an easy job because its business is based on raising funds for sick kids, said the hospital's vice-president of

community development. But Norma Lamont personally disagrees.

Meeting your target is a challenge no matter what charity you're with, she said. "We have to be innovative, creative, we have to work hard," she said.



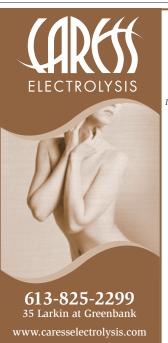
Tracy Macintyre said her nine-year-old daughter Morgan is alive today because of CHEO. Morgan and her mom were at TD

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Canada-U.S. Iraq tensions Wikileaked

• Latest release says U.S. plan was to share secret information about the war only with Britain and Australia

WIKI LEAKS



A newly released diplomatic note says Canada protested to the United States about being cut out of the intelligence loop as "punishment" for not joining the war in Iraq.

The classified, Novem-

The classified, November 2004 cable from the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa warned Washington the "potential irritant" might come up during a Canadian visit by then-president George Bush.

It is just one issue cited by American diplomats who flagged Canada's "ha-

Revealing

Some of the latest developments in the ongoing WikiLeaks saga:

- France President Nicolas Sarkozy is cast as an authoritarian leader surrounded by aides who don't dare challenge him.
- China One of the biggest Internet policers, China blocked the WikiLeaks site to avoid potentially embarrassing claims in its leaked U.S. diplomatic memos.
- Brazil A former U.S. ambassador described Brazil's efforts to build nuclear submarines as "white elephants."

bitual inferiority complex" for the State Department
— a recurring theme in several cables posted yesterday on the website of online whistleblower Wikileaks

They characterized CBC programs Little Mosque on the Prairie and since-cancelled The Border as "anti-American melodrama;" encouraged Bush to stress that the U.S. values Canada with no strings attached; and predicted Barack Obama's prompt visit to Ottawa last year would help dispel the notion Washington pays "far less attention to Canada than Canada does to us."

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Storms cause havoc at N.Y. airports

Flights were delayed up to five hours at New York City's three major airports as fast-moving storms and powerful winds battered large swaths of New York.

Fact or fiction?

The flap began on the website Kottke.org.

Blogger Jason Kottke speculated that NASA might announce it had found bacterial life on Titan, Saturn's largest moon.

Life in space rumours

Speculation that life has been discovered beyond Earth exploded on the Internet after NASA announced plans for a briefing involving scientists who study unusual life forms.

The paper will be a dis-

appointment to those speculating about its contents.

It does not report finding life outside of Earth, according to science writers who have seen the paper.

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Woman hanged in Iran for murdering rival

Iran yesterday hanged a former soccer player's mistress — known as a "temporary wife" — who was convicted of murdering her love rival, the player's wife, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Shahla Jahed was hanged at dawn, after spending more than eight years in jail, IRNA said, in a case that has captivated the Iranian public for several years.

Jahed had become what

is known as a "temporary wife" of former soccer star Nasser Mohammad Khani. She was charged in 2002 with stabbing to death Laleh Saharkhizan, the player's wife, and convicted of murder in 2004 and again in 2009, after her appeal was denied.

The IRNA report said that just before the hanging at Tehran's Evin prison, the 40-year-old Jahed prayed peacefully, then burst into tears and



cries, shouting for her life to be spared.

The victim's son pulled the chair from under her feet as Jahed gasped for breath in the remaining moments of her life, the khabaronline.ir news website said. The former soccer striker, Khani, also attended the hanging.

The reports also said that judiciary officials spent almost an hour in talks with Saharkhizan's family before the hanging, trying to convince them to spare Jahed's life but were unsuccessful.

Prominent artists and respected cultural figures in Iran have also for years appealed to the victim's family to show mercy.

Under Iranian law, men and women can commit to a "temporary marriage" for an agreed period of time after a certain amount of money is paid to the woman.

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Rogers' centre of attention

○ Company targets Maple Leafs, Raptors and Toronto FC for buyout

Rumours that Blue Jays owner Rogers Communications Ltd. is also seeking to buy Toronto's professional hockey, basketball and soccer teams has reignited a smouldering debate over who will control access to Canada's most valuable sports and entertainment content.

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team alerts and mobile applications still being dreamed up — would boost revenue potential at Rogers' big wireless, cable TV, radio and TV broadcasting and magazine and online businesses.

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U.S., China takes climate heat

Speaking at the UN Climate Change Conference yesterday in Cancun, Mexican President Felipe Calderon said the conference was stuck in a blame game led by "big players" U.S. and China. In response, the rest of the world should take on the climate crisis more aggressively "with or without them," he said.

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Founder cuts a mysterious figure

• WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange called both the 'James Bond of journalism' and a 'social misfit'





Julian Assange has come a long way from an unsettled childhood in Australia as a self-acknowledged social misfit.

After founding WikiLeaks in 2006, Assange adopted an elusive lifestyle, spending long periods in hiding, shuttling from one country to another, and mixing brief public appearances with "appearing" remotely for interviews and panel discussions by video link over the Internet.

At times, he has also altered his appearance, dyeing his prematurely white hair blonde, then black, and cutting it short.

Amid the controversy over the release of Afghan

Bond-style

- Assange communicates with friends and colleagues with encrypted cellphones. He is known to travel under false names, to wear disguises and to use cash instead of credit or debit cards.
- Assange's exact whereabouts are unknown (one report suggests he's hiding outside London), although he has conducted online interviews with some media organizations from undisclosed locations.

documents this past summer, he flew to Sweden, seeking a residence permit and protection under that country's broad press freedoms. His initial welcome was euphoric.

"They called me the James Bond of journalism," he recalled wryly.

Assange's lawyer charged yesterday that Assange is being persecuted by Swedish authorities who have accused him of rape and other sex crimes in a case that prompted Interpol to place him on its most-wanted list.

According to accounts his accusers gave to the police and friends, the women both had consensual sexual encounters with Assange that became non-consensual. One woman said that Assange had ignored her appeals to stop after a condom broke. The other woman said that she and Assange had begun a sexual encounter using a condom, but Assange did not comply with her appeals to stop.

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Assange no stranger to being on the move

It isn't just lately that Julian Assange has been on the run.

The WikiLeaks founder has led a troubled and interesting life so far.

Julian Paul Assange is an Australian who studied at the University of Melbourne. He has no home but spends much of his time in Sweden.

Assange describes his childhood as "pretty Tom Sawyer" and says he liked to fish and explore mine shafts.

Despite that, he seems to have had a troubled childhood.

Assange was homeschooled, in part because his family moved 37 times by the time he was 14

He spent part of his teen years on the run with his mother from an abusive boyfriend, who may have been a member of a cult called the Fami-

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Outpouring of love for Pat Burns

● Hockey world, appalled by theft, rallies around late icon's family

The world of hockey is showering heartwarming kindness on Pat Burns' family after a despicable theft following his funeral.

About 30 autographed jerseys from NHL teams as well as numerous personal items were stolen from the late coach's car.

The sweaters were destined for a charity auction to raise money for the Pat Burns Arena now being built in Stanstead, Que.

Yesterday fans, players and managers rallied around. The Montreal Canadiens said they are prepared to help.

prepared to help.
Sports collectibles dealers vowed to alert police to anyone trying to hawk the stolen merchandise.

And people are calling

Beloved coach

- The man: Pat Burns, a gruff ex-cop who was known as a tough but fair man, died Nov. 19 after a long battle with cancer.
- ► The teams: Burns was an award-winning coach who served behind the bench for the Canadiens, Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins and New Jersey Devils.

police to offer information.
Canadiens spokesperson Donald Beauchamp said the Habs will do all they can to help raise funds for the new arena.

The Burns family knows that "they can count on us," Beauchamp said.

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A treasure ... updated

A new multimedia installation in New York City will offer new ways to see and interpret Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. The show reproduces the 15th-century painting with a 40-minute sound-andlight show. The "clone" painting is set within a full-scale replica of the dining hall at the convent in Milan that houses the original work.

Ex-coach asks for bail in new sex case

Former junior hockey coach Graham James has applied for bail while he awaits trial on new sex charges in Winnipeg.

The case has been adjourned until tomorrow.

James pleaded guilty in 1997 to hundreds of assaults on two teenage players, including NHLer Sheldon Kennedy, and was sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

He was pardoned a decade later and moved to Mexico, but returned to

The James file

- The new charges: James, 58, is facing nine charges stemming from alleged encounters with three boys between 1979 and 1994.
 The accuser: One of the
- The accuser: One of the complainants is former NHL star Theo Fleury.

Canada and turned himself in after police issued an arrest warrant.

UN seeks \$530M for Somalia

The United Nations is seeking \$530 million for aid projects in Somalia next year.

The country's 20 years of strife is a catastrophe that's "as urgent as ever," the agency said yesterday.

The UN said that despite

20 Somalia hasn't had a fully functioning government in nearly 20 years after warlords overthrew the president.

fragile improvement in 2010 because of two good rainy seasons, Somalia still has two million people in crisis, including nearly 1.5 million displaced people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Windsor prepares for gust of new jobs

Wind tower manufacturing plant will employ 700 people, directly and indirectly ○ City hit hard by recession

The provincial government says a new wind tower manufacturing plant will bring as many as 700 jobs to Windsor.

The wind tower plant is part of a \$7-billion green energy deal between the province and Korean giant Samsung.

The plant will be built and run by a new Ontario subsidiary of CS Wind, a Korean-based company that has partnered with Samsung. CS Wind's chairman Sung Gon Gim says it's hoped the plant will be operational by next October and that it will turn out 200 to 300 turbine towers a year.

The province says Sam-



sung and its partners will use 100 per cent Ontario steel to manufacture all of its towers — a projected 200,000 tonnes of domestic steel with a face value of \$140 million.

The province has billed the project as part of its clean energy plan to move Ontario toward cleaner energy sources such as wind, solar and bio-energy, rather than coal.

"Today's announcement with Samsung and CS Wind is part of Ontario's energy plan to eliminate polluting coal, create good jobs and clean up the air our kids breathe," Energy Minister Brad Duguid said yesterday.

Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis said the city is "thrilled" to have the plant. "Ontario's clean economy is playing a very big part in helping us move successfully into the future and to become a city of choice in which to invest and create jobs." Francis said.

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Opposition alleges election fraud

Opposition leaders in Ivory Coast accused President Laurent Gbagbo of trying to steal the country's presidential election, as angry ruling party loyalists prevented the commission's spokesman from announcing the first major batch of results.

Pedestrian hit by car charged

Police say a pedestrian will be charged after the man was hit by a car in London, Ont. The 33-year-old man was hit as he crossed the street at the corner of Dundas and Edmonton streets around 10 p.m. Tuesday. He was taken to hospital with minor injuries and was released.

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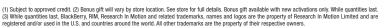
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A familiar story: Study shows the rich get richer

● Share of total Canadian incomes more than doubled for the wealthiest 1% between late 1970s and 2007

Canada has entered a 1920s-like Gilded Age, where the super-rich consolidate their wealth while the middle class stagnates.

That's the conclusion of a new study based on income tax forms filed up until 2007, showing that the richest one per cent of Canadians took home 13.8 per cent of all incomes claimed that year.

The share of total income going to the richest of the rich has risen steadily since the early 1980s, reversing a long-term trend toward a more equal distribution of the country's income during the post-war era, the study says.

era, the study says. "The higher up the lad"During periods of growth, incomes have increasingly become concentrated in the hands of the elite few rather than creating greater prosperity for all."

ARMINE YALNIZYAN, SENIOR ECONOMIST

der you go, the more colossal this glomming of wealth becomes," author Armine Yalnizyan, senior economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said in an interview.

Her paper is based on unpublished tax form data crunched by Mike Veall, an economics professor at Mc-Master University.

"Like the Gilded Age a century ago, Canada is awash in money generated by an emerging new global economy," Yalnizyan

The inequality gap of the 1920s and early '30s eventually collapsed and then switched direction with the Second World War, narrowing and steadily declining until about 1982. Since then, the super-rich have gradually claimed larger and larger pieces of the total income pie. THE CANADIAN PRESS





Ignatieff says Grits will kill bill

Despite imposing stiff penalties on human smuggling, legislation was condemned by opposition members and refugee advocacy groups

The Harper government's controversial legislation to combat human smuggling appears doomed.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff announced yester-day that his party won't support the bill at second reading, saying it would hurt legitimate refugees.

The NDP and Bloc Quebe-

cois said they're of the same mind. Without the support of any of the opposition par-NDP immigration critic

As proof, she pointed to an amendment she's spearheaded to another immigration bill, extending the period in which the government can go after human smugglers to 10 years from six months. But

she said the NDP can't sup-

port C-49, which is "really

the attack refugees bill."

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Olivia Chow said her party supports cracking down on

human smuaalers.

benefits restricted. The bill would also impose stiffer penalties on human smugglers and on anyone with knowledge of, or even suspicion of, human smuggling.

ties, the minority Conserva-

tive government will not be

able to get the bill over its

winning approval in princi-

ple. The bill would allow the federal government to

treat "irregular" refugee claimants who arrive in

groups differently from oth-

er claimants. They could be detained for up to a year,

barred from sponsoring

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five years, and have their

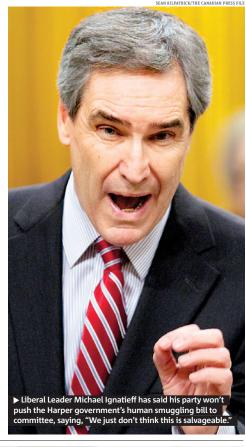
first legislative hurdle

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said "there's a lot of fear-mongering and alarmism about aspects of the bill." He called it a strong but balanced effort to crack down on human smuggling and queue-jump-

Kenney said the three opposition parties are thumbing their noses at Canadians, who are "over-whelmingly" fed up with criminal smuggling operations treating Canada "like a doormat." He urged them to at least let the bill go to committee, where opposi-tion MPs could propose amendments.

But Ignatieff said there's no point. "We just don't think this is salvageable and we take this decision with regret," he said.

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Iran increases security for nuclear scientists

◆ Security spike follows killing of a leading scientist in the country ◆ Tehran vows to forge ahead with nuclear plans

Iran said yesterday it will increase security for its nuclear scientists as a funeral was held for a leading expert killed in a mysterious assassination that the government blamed on the Mossad and the CIA.

Iranian state media said the killing of the scientist and the wounding of another on Monday was part of a Western campaign to sabotage its nuclear program.

According to Iran, that campaign included the abduction of Iranian scientists, the sale of faulty equipment and the planting of a destructive computer worm known as Stuxnet, which briefly



brought Iran's uranium enrichment activity to a halt last month. Iran's chief suspect is archenemy Israel, whose Mossad spy agency has a long history of assassinating foes far beyond the country's borders. In this case, Iran accuses Israel of enlisting agents of an Iranian opposition group, the People's Mujahedeen, to carry out the hit, the defence minister said

The daring attacks — if they were the work of a foreign power — suggest that the standoff between Iran and the West over Tehran's uranium enrichment program has entered a new and extremely dangerous phase.

Iran's nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, said yesterday the assassination was a warning to Iran before the Dec. 6-7 nuclear talks with world powers.

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sional staff questioned Amazon about its relationship with WikiLeaks, said Sen. Joe Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut. WikiLeaks confirmed the information hours after The Associated Press reported that Amazon's servers had stopped hosting WikiLeaks' site. The site was unavailable for several hours before it moved back to its previous Swedish host.



Tomy. Comeback?

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Tomy Co., Japan's No. 2 toy company, is hoping to score a comeback in North America this Christmas with toy trains and cars that boast a 40-year history in Japan, but have previously failed to catch on abroad.

▶ Tomy Co. assistant manager, Hisanao Takahashi,

Was the job stimulus a flop?

Survey suggests Economic Plan didn't create many jobs ● Harper continued to defend spending

The only major attempt to assess the impact of the multibillion-dollar federal stimulus program suggests it's been a flop when it comes to creating jobs.

The Conservatives have long boasted that the Economic Action Plan helped save hundreds of thousands of jobs during the recession.

But the parliamentary budget officer has found that the recipients of the money don't see it that way.

In a survey of municipalities that received Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) money, 33 percent said they saw an increase in employment as a

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Dividend hike lifts shares

National Bank shares hit an all-time high yesterday after it became the first big bank to boost its dividend in more than two years. The Montreal-based bank's shares hit a peak of \$69.73 before losing some ground in later trading. Shares gained \$1.60, or 2.36 per cent, to \$69.44 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

National Bank said Tuesday that it would increase its quarterly dividend by six per cent, or four cents.

The country's sixthlargest bank said it continues to target expansion outside its Quebec base despite shedding 35 employees as it restructures its equities and investment banking business.

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Automakers crank up sales in November

Chevrolet sales up 92% on strong demand for Cruze Chrysler's Caravan, Journey, Ram have best month

Canadian consumers pushed up the sales of Chrysler, GM, Nissan and Subaru vehicles in November.

GM Canada said sales of Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac increased almost 60 per cent to 15,912 for last month, compared with the same period a year earlier.

However Toyota Canada, feeling the lingering effects of a string of safety recalls, reported a drop in sales for November. Toyota said it sold 12,169 vehicles, including its Scion and Lexus luxury brand, down 24.5 per cent from 2009.

Year-to-date, GM Canada said it sold 173,192 vehicles, up 26.6 per cent from

Chrysler Canada sold 165,993 vehicles in the first 11 months — up 40.7 per cent over 2009 when it shut down most production for weeks because of the bankruptcy and bailout of its U.S. parent.

the same period last year. Chrysler Canada reported its best November since 2002, with the number of vehicles sold up 34 per cent over the same time last year. Chrysler said it sold a total of 15,308 vehicles in Canada last month.

Kia Canada, a relatively small but up-and-coming player in the Canadian market, said its November sales increased 16.1 per cent with sales of 50,843, the first time the company broke the 50,000 mark.

Subaru Canada said it set a new record and a milestone. Strong sales of its Forester and Outback contributed to increasing sales by 15.9 per cent to 2,567 vehicles compared to last year.

Nissan Canada Inc. said it sold 5,786 vehicles, an increase of 8.9 per cent. Altima continued to be the strongest seller, followed by Sentra and Rogue.

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Reitmans makes a profit

Women's clothing retailer Reitmans Ltd. says profits increased almost two per cent in the third quarter. even as its sales were lower.

The Montreal-based

come of \$19.2 million for the three months, compared to \$18.9 million in the same quarter last year. The canadian press



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A TALE OF THE MALE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK

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My brother's family recently celebrated the arrival of a baby boy, which, being good Catholics, is not so much a once-in-a-lifetime miracle as an annual rite of passage, like the Super Bowl.

t's still special, but this is their fifth kid in six years, which is the same rate that the NHL has been handing out Stanley Cups. As baby makers go, they're a

dynasty, a team of destiny. Meanwhile, I'm not even making the playoffs. I've always loved kids, but I have it on good authority from reliable sources that, in most cases, a woman is required, for what I assume are legal reasons.

My wife and I separated

partially because I changed my mind and decided that I did in fact want children. You can compromise about a lot of things

when you're married, but it's difficult to have half a child. ("We'll just have the top half, dear. Less mess.") And as my (love-

And as my (lovely) ex once said, "This is serious. It's not like we differ on strawberries."

So we parted ways. I moved to a bachelor pad, she moved to the Middle East, which I

suspect says something about how well I handled everything. (In my defence, she did not move to Mount Merapi, the Mariana Trench, or the moon.)

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And now I work toward the goal of a child by 40.

I've got a lot of work to do, be-

cause you can't just suddenly christen yourself a parent at random if your name isn't Angelina Jolie, who adopts children with the same frequency the Knights of Columbus adopt highways.

I'd prefer to have a child as part of a family, which means I'll have to get over

have to get over this crippling post-divorce fear of commitment. Right now I date, get comfortable, then I hear the word "relationship," and I run away so fast I leave a Road Runner dust trail behind me and stare back from a distance, big cartoon eyes blinking in the darkness. I know it's safe to come back down when I hear the entire female species simultaneously breathe the word, "Men."

But I have a biological clock of sorts. I don't like the idea of being so much older than my child that I can't teach, relate, or play. I don't want to be in the position where we're both wearing diapers.

So, I'll start thinking about a child just as soon as I stop acting like one. And if things don't work out, I'll ask Angelina if she has any extra



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Basic diet for basic training



Worth mentioning

New soldiers expecting army drill sergeants to bust their chops over poor posture or a wayward gaze may instead want to avoid a more modern military transgression: Relying on fast food for sustenance.

The U.S. army plans to get new recruits into better shape with a revamped approach to health, fitness and diet at basic training.

The most visible changes will be seen in mess halls, where milk and juice dispensers will replace soda fountains, and whole grains will be substituted for white bread and pasta.

Army leaders unveiled the new approach yesterday at Missouri's Fort



Leonard Wood. It's the first substantial change to basic fitness training in the army in 30 years. "We are seeing many

"We are seeing many soldiers entering our profession who need phased conditioning methods and improved nutritional habits," said Lt.-Gen. Mark Hertling, of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command. The "soldier athlete" initiative is designed to prepare new recruits with training methods similar to those offered to elite athletes preparing for competition.

Drill sergeants will include one-hour sessions on performance nutrition in addition to their traditional responsibilities.

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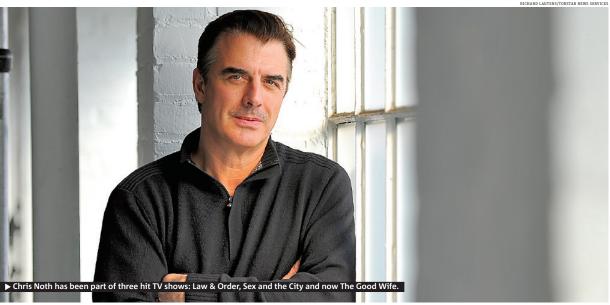
Even though Lea Michele stars on a television show, her Glee role has had such an impact on music this year that Billboard is honouring her with a "triple threat" award. She'll get the

She'll get the award at Billboard's annual "Women in Music" luncheon in New York City tonight honouring Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas.

The 24-year-old Michele says "it's wonderful recognition." But she has no plans to put out a record like her co-star Matthew Morrison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



◆ Veteran TV actor still can't wrap his brain around celebrity obsessions
◆ Blames tabloids for dumbing down America and letting the Tea Party dominate the political discourse ◆ And how Sex and the City ruined New York for him



Good Wife's Noth gets Political



Though still a New Yorker at heart, Chris Noth admits it's been easier and easier to spend his time on the west

"New York's changed a lot, but I still keep my place there. I'd never give that up" he says. "I mean, let's face it, it's become a bank and a drug store. Sex and the City ruined it."

Noth is in L.A. now to promote his latest TV gig, The Good Wife, now in its

second season. But that's not what he really feels like discussing. "I'm sort of the recurring guest artist on it," he says. "It's not really my show."

So what does he want to talk about? Well, how about the Tea Party? "It's a terrible time in America. It's all partisanship," he says. "A really smart politician doesn't really have a chance, so we get all these yokels like the Tea Party."

Playing a politician brought down by a sex and corruption scandal has given him some new insight. "A really good politician doesn't have much of a chance, unless he's a f—ing saint. And nobody's a saint," Noth says. "John F. Kennedy would never be president today."

And he's got a few theories as to how things got to be the way they are. Here's a hint: tabloids aren't helping

ing.
"It's all so mundane now.
You know, what shoes
they're wearing. 'Look,
stars pick up dog poop!'
Whatever these magazines
are," he says. "They've so
dumbed our country. ...

And I think what people are doing is missing out on their lives by tuning into this fake celebrity s—."

So what about that other series he did, the one that ruined New York? Noth admits it's still the thing he's recognized for the most.

"I've never understood that phenomenon," he says. "I did a show that obviously had some kind of intense impact about this character that I played, that relationship with Carrie. But it's a fantasy. Come on, look at the apartment she had."

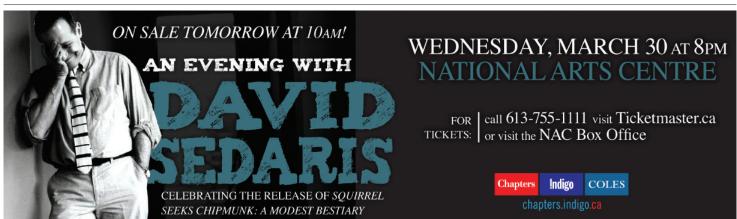
Good and bad not easy to pin down: Noth

While Chris Noth's character in The Good Wife is a confirmed philanderer, he doesn't think it necessarily makes him "The Bad Husband" — or at least shouldn't bear sole responsibility for his marital difficulties.

"Whatever reasons that he strayed also are in that union, that marriage," Noth says. "It's his fault for doing that, maybe, but how did it start? We don't know, we haven't explored that.

"What's missing in that to make him go do that? That hasn't been explored, and it may or may not be. But I wouldn't put much emphasis on the words good or bad."

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The kiddies love Dino Dan

Dino Dan! as the winner of the \$50,000 Shaw Rocket Prize for best children's program.

Produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment, the show about a 10-year-old who loves dinosaurs, airs on TVO, Knowledge Network and Access.

Sinking Ship also produces popular kid shows This is Daniel Cook.

Dino Dan is the company's first program to feature computer generated characters.

The other finalist shows were: How to Be Indie. Toronto; In Real Life, Montreal; Jimmy Two-Shoes, Toronto; and League of Super Evil, Vancouver. After industry experts

jury of kids from across Canada voted for the win-

The Shaw Rocket Fund is a not-for-profit corporation that focuses on the Canadian children's production industry. Contribinclude Communications, Shaw Direct and Shaw Pay Per View. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jackass making its way to the web

Johnny Knoxville's crew is following its box-office re-lease with a digital addendum called Jackass 3.5.

Producers Paramount Pictures and MTV Films announced Tuesday that Jackass 3.5 will be released in online installments, with a subsequent feature-length film released digitally in March.

Exactly where it will be available wasn't nounced

The footage will feature surplus stunts from Jackass 3D, which has earned more than \$116-million at the box office since its October release.

In 2007, Jackass 2.5 sim-

ilarly followed Jackass Number Two

It claimed to be the first broadband movie distributed by a major studio. Jackass 2.5 was streamed for a week for free by Blockbuster Inc., then made available for download and on DVD.

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Brokaw looks to bridge divide

• The journalist's new documentary focuses on the people actively fighting discrimination

Tom Brokaw hopes that his new documentary on discrimination will help calm some of the nation's political discord, although he suspects the special may actually get caught up

Tom Brokaw Presents Bridging the Divide pre-mieres on the USA Network on Dec. 10

Roughly timed to the half-century anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. civil rights movement, the special tells stories of people fighting bias they encounter.

Subjects include woman who had both legs amputated and became a scholar, track athlete and model and now fights for the rights of the disabled, and a couple whose 11-year-old son committed suicide after being bullied.

Brokaw said the "stressed state" of the nation due to economic woes and a lack of confidence in the future is the kind of thing that breeds intoler-

Add the Internet, with the ability for anyone to say pretty much whatever they want whenever they want, and things can quickly get poisonous, he

"Most of the political dialogue these days, and too much of the media dia-logue, is 'in your face,'" Brokaw said.

"There has always been a rich American tradition of robust debate and taking strong positions.

Now it just seems to me that the trend is steadily in the direction of being as divisive as possible, to belittle your opponents, and this is across the polit-

ical spectrum.
"That kind of thing we need to get beyond.'

Brokaw was particularly taken with the story of Luma Mufleh.

Jordanian-born, The American-educated Mufleh visited the town of Clarkston, an Atlanta suburb that has been transformed with the influx of refugees from many wartorn countries who make up more than half of its population of 8,000 resi-

She noticed some of the refugee children playing soccer in bare feet on dirt fields because the town had denied them access to many of its playing fields.

She took on helping them as a project, organiz-ing them into a team called the Fugees.

It isn't always smooth: some of the players hear the N-word and other slurs directed toward them by players and fans of teams they are playing.
Welcoming these peo-

ple with open arms "is a perfect example of what this nation is supposed to be about, which is to provide a refuge for refugees," Brokaw said.

That's especially true when the U.S. is fighting wars partly to spread democracy, he said.

Brokaw also said he re-alizes that in the current political climate, he expected the special will itself become controversial.

When he reported a few years ago on the issue of illegal immigration, he said he got some angry responses from people who wanted to keep immigrants away.

"I hope it will generate some conversation within communities, families and business places," he said. "Too much of what we see now is about division and not about unification.

(Brokaw declined to comment on divisiveness at NBC News, where Keith Olbermann and Joe Scarborough were briefly suspended for making politidonations telling their bosses.)

At the same time, Brokaw, 70, hopes that viewers keep a sense of the big picture and how much has really changed in the nation in the past 50 years.

He sees it in television commercials, filled with African-American doctors, Latino teachers or Asian-American consumers.

"That's a huge step," he said. "It used to be just white males allowed. That's the market responding to the realities of the country.

He said he's always be-lieved in the long-term wisdom of the American

people.
"The genius of this nation is that we're more than the sum of our parts, and we can't forget that,' he said.

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Molly Shannon's family affair

• While starring in the Broadway musical Promises, Promises the comedian ensured her kids enjoyed the show

Molly Shannon wants to show off her toilet.

The comedian has a mischievous look as she stands in the cramped little lavatory just off her dressing room at The Broadway Theatre in Times Square. It's nice, but it doesn't look very special.

Then the actress pushes another door and suddenly she's inside the auditorium in a private box, high over the orchestra pit. "Isn't it cool?" she asks.

Shannon has been putting her secret passageway to expert use: Her two children — daughter Stella, 7, and son Nolan, 5 — often visit the theatre and go through the toilet to get a

perfect view of Shannon on stage.

"They can actually sneak through to the box seats and watch me with an audience," she says. "So it's the first time where they're really like, 'Wow, Mommy is an actress.' I don't know if it ever all gelled that way."

Stella and Nolan are enjoying front-row seats as Shannon makes her Broadway debut in the musical Promises, Promises, opposite Sean Hayes and Kristin Chenoweth. Last month, Shannon replaced Katie Finneran, who won a Tony Award in the role of bar fly Marge MacDougal.

"Now, I'm not scared,"

Shannon says, sipping tea in her dressing room before a recent performance. "Initially, I was really like, 'God, just let me get through this!" Now I'm having a ball."

The role is particularly a good fit for the novice Shannon: She's on stage for only a few scenes, gets to dance on a bar while acting drunk, receives quick laughs and uses the physical comedy skills she honed for six years on Saturday Night Live.

But Shannon, 46, says acting on Broadway isn't like her stint on live TV aboard SNL, where she created such memorable characters as the oddball schoolgirl Mary Catherine Gallagher and the highkicking Sally O'Malley. "They're different. This

"They're different. This is more like a marathon — it's a longer run so you have to be careful not to pull a muscle or lose your voice," she says.

"It's more of a long-dis-

"It's more of a long-distance run whereas SNL is kind of an every-week-upand-down."

Born in Shaker Heights, Ohio, a young Shannon and her father, James, would travel to New York to catch shows such as Chorus Line, La Cage Aux Folles and Agnes of God.

"My dad would have loved to be an actor but he just didn't have the confidence. So I'm sure the reason why I got into that was because he loved that," she says, pointing to a photo of her dad hung in her dressing room.

ing room.

"He would have loved it.
I feel him here with me. I kick for him."

Shannon, who earned a bachelor's in drama from New York University, initially considered herself a dramatic actress until she auditioned for a comedy review and friends said she was a natural. It's been her bread and butter ever since

Not only has she starred on SNL, Shannon's also acted in films such as Superstar, Talladega Nights, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and more.

After her Broadway run, she'll be starring in an asyet untitled HBO show by veteran The Simpsons writer-producer Tim Long about a nun who decides to leave the convent and confront life outside.

Until then, she's happy to do eight shows a week and host her children when they come to the theatre. She says she tries not to peek up at them while performing but always looks up during the curtain call

"I can't see them that well, but I see their little heads a little bit," she says.

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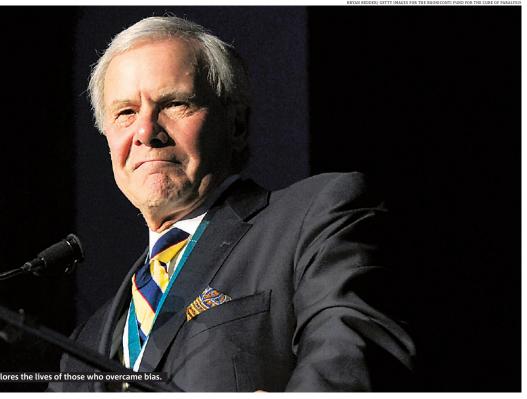
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CTV's Hurst steps down

Robert Hurst is stepping down as president of CTV News.

Hurst has spent 38 successful years with the network and has held the top news job since September 2002

"Bob goes out a winner with CTV News standing tall as Canada's No. 1 (in) news," Ivan Fecan, president and CEO of CTVglobemedia and CEO of CTV Inc., said in a statement.

"CTV News has been No. 1 for 22 years," said a statement from Hurst himself.

"The reporting team is the best in Canada and well positioned to remain No. 1 for many years."

Hurst, 61, began his broadcasting career with CTV in 1973, working as a writer for Canada AM.

Within a few years, at age 26, he was named news director at Toronto's CFTO affiliate.

Hurst later returned to reporting, where he was posted to a number of network bureaus, including Ottawa, Washington, Moscow and Beijing.

In 1994, he returned to Canada and held various positions, including chief news editor and vice president

In 1995, he was the one who spearheaded the application for CTV News 1, which later became CTV Newsnet, and today is now known as CTV News Channel

He was the acting senior vice-president of CTV News when the network made its major push to the internet about 10 years ago.

CTV said Hurst will remain in his current position until a successor is named in the coming weeks.

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CHRISETTE MICHELE

"THIS ALBUM IS ABOUT ME JUST SAYING WHAT I NEED TO SAY"

There's more confidence in Chrisette Michele's voice these days. The Grammy-winning singer is speaking her minding on her third disc, Let Freedom Reign, out this week.

Are you nervous about people hearing you rap?

I'm not nervous, I'm curious. I'm usually petrified. ... But this time, I'm not so nervous about people's opinions as I am about if the record label is going to be proud of the numbers. That whole numbers thing makes me uncomfortable. I hate it.

What do you do to ease things?

If I was smart, I would party. I would party all week. I'd get drunk, you know. I'd smoke something. If I were smart, boy! 'Cause I get invited to a lot of parties, but instead I just watch cartoons, hang out with friends, go to the movies, do lots of press. Lots! Lots of press. But I should go get drunk.

Would you say the music industry is cold?

People are mean and hateful, angry — haters everywhere, stupid blogs. People want to type ugly things ... That hurts! So yeah, it's very cold.

Do you have any dream collaborations?

I think it would be cool to work with Janelle Monae and B.o.B — if I could just get their phone numbers. Next time I see them at an awards show, I'm just going to be (like), "Yo, what's your number?"
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Comeback CD is emotional

• After battling with drug addiction and jail, El DeBarge finds healing through process of making his new solo album, Second Chance

Recording a new album for El DeBarge was an emotional experience.

"It's been such a long time since I've done it," DeBarge said Tuesday. "I cried a little bit because I was so joyful and happy about it."

It's been 16 years since DeBarge has released new music. He's returned with Second Chance, his fifth solo album, which is out this week.

The 49-year-old said the tears were a result of him rediscovering his own musical abilities.

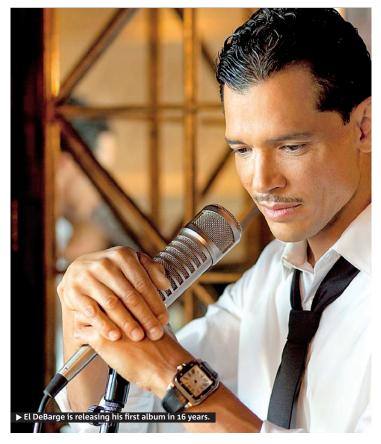
"I really wanted to know that I could still do it again and when I heard my voice I was just like, 'Wow," he said.

DeBarge made his comeback at this year's BET Awards in June. He's most famous as the leader of the R&B clan, DeBarge, which featured his family members.

The performer, who was jailed for two years following a 2008 drug possession arrest, said he knew for a while that he wanted to release new music, but waited until he was clean.

"I just needed to get my willpower back and get off those drugs and get my strength back," DeBarge said, who had been addicted to drugs for 22 years.

DeBarge wrapped up a national tour with Mary J.



Blige in October and said he's planning his own tour for 2011. He also said he's getting into acting. "I'm playing myself in a movie that's coming out in 2011 called Jumping the Broom and I'm singing," he said. "So I think it will spring off from there maybe to some acting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Up close & personal with Keith

• The country star played a free concert in Edmonton

• He plans to make nine Canadian stops in 2011

He may have charmed 3,000 Edmonton fans with a free mini-concert at one of the world's largest shopping malls, but countrypop superstar Keith Urban also might have landed one teenager in a spot of trouble.

Just a few numbers into his seven-song set, Urban couldn't help but spot an excited Mitchell Lavigne, 17, waving his arms and shouting, "Keith, I want to kiss a girl!" — a reference to Urban's song Kiss A Girl.

The shaggy-haired Aussie told the Justin Bieber-look-alike to come up on stage and invited him to perform a duet. He even allowed Lavi-

gne a high-pitched, cringeinducing failed attempt at hitting the big notes, prompting gales of audience laughter.

Lavigne couldn't compete vocally, but he held his own on the humour front by informing the crowd that Urban had good-smelling breath" during their upclose-and-personal ment at the mike.

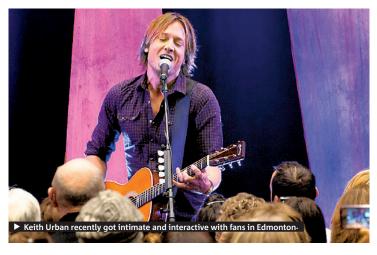
His problem was that Urban unintentionally outed him — Lavigne's mom had told him it was OK to go to the 6 p.m. concert as long as he didn't skip

But that's exactly what Lavigne did, arriving at the mall at 9 a.m. to make sure he got close to the makeshift stage on the ice rink at West Edmonton

He figured his mom might forgive him, though - she's as big a fan of Urban's as he is.

Lavigne wasn't alone in arriving early. Fans started lining up about 12 hours before Urban took the stage in an appearance to promote his new album, . Get Closer.

Urban also made sure to branch out with his performance, mixing up new stuff with some old favourites and even covers old of songs by Johnny Cash





and the Steve Miller Band. He also sat down to sign autographs for the first 200 fans who lined up for the show.

"Right from the very beginning, Canada has been immensely supportive of what I do and really gets the music," he said.

"I could tell that the

first time we toured here."
Although Urban did
joke that "there were four people here" for his last free concert at the mall in 2001 — before he became famous in North America.

More turned out this time, but it was still an intimate affair. The front row of fans stood within arm's reach of Urban, who played with no backing band, just a drum machine and acoustic guitar.

Urban plans to tour the album in 2011 with nine stops in Canada — Ottawa, Toronto, London, Ont., Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver.

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Music without borders



They gathered to honour CMT's five artists of the year, but the night was more like a celebration of music without borders.

CMT feted Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Lady Antebellum, Jason Aldean and Zac Brown Band at the taping of 2010 CMT Artists Of The Year on Tuesday

The choices were befitting a show dedicated to genre-bending acts there were unusual juxtapositions all over.

You could find Smokey Robinson and Kid Rock hugging in the crowd, Joe Perry turning up the volume on a version of Iason Aldean's My Kinda Party that had Swift, members of her band and friend

Williams Paramore dancing around their table, and Maroon 5 laying down a reggaeflavoured backbeat over Swift's love song Mine.

"I want to thank Maroon 5 for coming out here and taking on such a wordy, girlie song," Swift

The band pulled it off, though, and it fit the theme of the show, which airs Friday night.

CMT looked at album and ticket sales and other traditional success markers when choosing its artists of the year.

And the five acts honoured have rewritten the rules, spearheading a new sonic diversity in country music that has spilled over traditional borders into the worlds of pop music, jam bands and classic rock.

Swift has led that charge, setting records, sweeping award shows and opening doors for the success of acts like Lady Antebellum – the bestselling country act so far

Underwood rode an unquestioned bond with her fans to new heights in a career that had already seen plenty.
The Zac Brown Band de-

fied classification with appearances at Bonnaroo and the CMA Music Festival on the same weekend, and Aldean finally got a little bit of recognition for his quiet rise to the top.

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BEP do what they do best: make hits

Black Eyed Peas Album: The Beginning Label: Universal

There's not much left to say about the Black Eyed Peas. If you find their radio-courting singles obnoxious, their latest won't change that. If you like their insanely infectious club-friendly hip-hop you'll love this.

Their first track is

enough to make them a bazillion dollars — they take the chorus of Time of My Life and turn it into an epic rave number.

As usual, it's easy to hate this disc, but if you can give yourself over to the fact that BEP have perfected the pop-rap-meetsdance genre then you can start appreciating what they do. The bottom line is that they create huge songs that will get massive radio play. And they do it better than most. You can't get much poppier than Love You Long Time's repetitive chorus, while XOXOXO's deep drums and electro riffs is so simple you'll be humming the words and the background music.

As usual, the most grating parts come from Fergie — her forte is repeating choruses over and over again until you feel like throwing your computer out the window. There's also too much auto-tune on the record, but when you're listening to this drunk at the bar, or blasting it out your window it won't matter. You've got to give them credit. for better or worse, their formula works. Outstanding track:

XOXOXO

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Fefe Dobson
Album: Joy
Label: Universal

On her long-awaited second album, the Scarborough songstress starts out sounding like so many other over-produced pop divas we've heard over the last few years. The opening track Ghost has been getting plenty of air time, as will the next two tracks, Thanks for Nothing and Stuttering. This script has been growing stale for years. Somewhere inside this record, lies a punk rocker struggling to rip out of the stretch wrap.

Outstanding track: Watch Me Move

O GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM



Take That
Album: Progress
Label: Polydor
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Justin Timberlake take notice: if your solo career dies, you can always go back to your old band. That's what happened with Robbie Williams, member of popular British group Take That.



Bryan Adams Album: Bare Bones Label: Decca

Another stripped-down, hits-based live solo effort, Bare Bones is incredibly similar to Adams' 1997 album MTV Unplugged. Still, one can't deny how there's something calm and captivating about the gravelly-voiced minstrel when

That's news in itself, but the record also marks a departure for the band – gone are the ballads that made them famous. Progress sees them banging out epic rockers on SOS, dabbling in arena rock on Kidz and Beatles-like pop on Pretty Things. Outstanding track: SOS • BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

accompanied by only an acoustic guitar and piano. While 20 tracks of plinky twang and simpleton lyrics wear thin after over an hour, there is an air of thrill when Neil Young-ish harmonica-bolstered I'm Ready and the formative Tom Waits inspiration of Right Place are belted out. Outstanding track: I'm Ready OKETH CARMEN

Lowest of the Low rise again

Founding member of Lowest of the Low Stephen Stanley says relations within the group were once so tempestuous that if they hadn't broken up, someone in the band might have died.

He says this over coffee, sitting next to the band's frontman, Ron Hawkins in a cafe in Toronto. It may sound dramatic, but he fails to crack a smile.

"It's not even really a joke," says Hawkins. "It was really bad."

really bad."

"It just got crazy. If we just put out our records ourselves and never got involved with anybody else, we might have lasted anybody else, we might have lasted anybody else.

year and a half. We were always in a van," adds Stanley.

It seems somewhat surprising that after a failed reunion in 2004 the band will be playing a pair of shows in Toronto to celebrate the 20th anniversary (and re-release) of their 1991 debut, Shakespeare Mv Butt

"The first time we broke up was quite horrible," Stanley says. "We were young and there was a lot of petulance and a lot of bottled up anger from everybody spending probably nine-tenths of the year together in a van."

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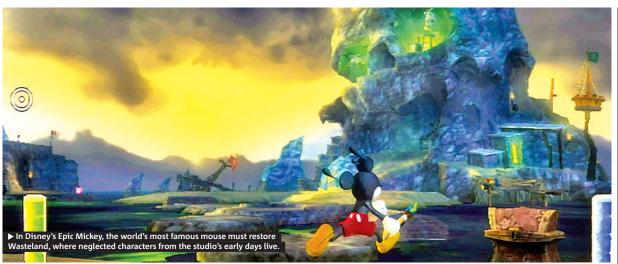




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Mickey's on a mission in Wasteland

Oswald the Lucky Rabbit has the most ironic name in animation history.

His co-creator, Walt Disney, lost the rights to him in the 1920s, so he started a new character: Mickey Mouse.

Oswald stumbled through the '30s and faded into oblivion. Mickey became the world's most famous 'toon. You can't blame the rabbit for hav-

ing some sibling envy.
In Disney's Epic Mickey (for Wii, \$49.99), Oswald has become ruler of the Wasteland, home to neglected characters from the

studio's early days. When Mickey sucked into the Wasteland, he discovers he has inadvertently unleashed an inky monster called the Shadow Blot.

So it's up to the mouse to stop the Blot, restore the Wasteland and find his way back to his own magic kingdom.

His main weapon is a brush filled with two liquids: paint, which can be used to rebuild decrepit ar-

eas on the Wasteland, and thinner, which dissolves obstacles. Mickey can use either fluid to defeat the Blot's minions. Thinner melts them, while paint turns them friendly. The highlight of Epic

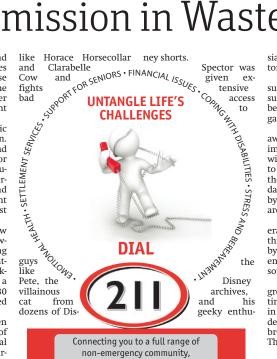
Mickey is the exploration.

In the Wasteland, lead designer Warren Spector and his Junction Point Studios have created an alternate-world Disneyland that adds an undercurrent of menace to The Happiest Place on Earth.

Main Street is now Mean Street. Tomorrowland is now the decaying Tomorrow City. The Matterhorn is now Mick-Mountain, eyjunk dumping ground for 80 years worth of discarded Mickey merchandise.

The portals between these worlds are a series of two-dimensional brief games based on classic cartoons like Steamboat Willie and Jungle Rhythm.

But the bulk of Epic Mickey takes place in the 3-D Wasteland, where the hero helps out old friends



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siasm for the studio's his-

tory shows in every level. However, Epic Mickey suffers from technical issues that prevent it from being one of the year's top games.

Camera placement is awful. Combat would be improved immeasurably with the ability to lock on-to an enemy, something I thought would be standard in 3-D action games by now. And the controls are somewhat sluggish.

Such drawbacks are tolerable early on, when things are fairly easy, but by the time you reach the endgame, they're a major source of frustration.

Still, Disney deserves a great deal of credit for putting its franchise character in the hands of Spector, a designer best known for brooding mysteries like Thief and Deus Ex.

And if Epic Mickey leads to a career revival for Oswald, well, he's one lucky rabbit

Epic Mickey gets three stars out of four.

Nintendo's holiday sales boost

In a told-you-so moment for Nintendo, sales of the Wii console are picking up, with 600,000 of them sold in the U.S. last week, according to the company.

Nintendo Co., said Tuesday it sold 900,000 units of the DS handheld gaming system during that time.

Put another way, the Japanese video game company said U.S. shoppers bought about 9,000 Nintendo systems every hour during the week of Black Friday. It did not provide international sales figures.

Sales of the Wii have dropped this year as shoppers opted for high-definition consoles from Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp.

But Nintendo has maintained it will do well during the holidays.

Nintendo's products are geared more toward family customers, who will spend a bigger chunk of their discretionary budget at Christmas, Hudson Square analyst Daniel Ernst said.

Sony, meanwhile, said it has sold \$4.1-million units of the Move motion controller worldwide since it went on sale in September for most regions except Iapan, where it hit shelves in October. These numbers don't reflect retail sales to individual consumers only to retailers.

And Microsoft said Monday that it sold \$2.5-million Kinect gaming sensors since Nov. 4.

The company did not say how many were sold as stand-alone units as opposed to bundles with the Xbox 360

Microsoft is hoping that the Kinect, which let's players control games using their bodies, hand gestures and voices, will broaden the reach of the Xbox. The associated press

What would Sherlock Holmes do?

The Sherlockian (Twelve/Hachette Book Group, \$24.99), by Graham Moore

In 1893, Arthur Conan Doyle writes what he believes will be his last Sherlock Holmes story, killing off the iconic, memorable and lovable character at Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland

Several years later, Conan Doyle receives a crude and anonymously sent letter bomb.

It impels him to investigate a real mystery, with help from his friend Bram Stoker and his very own literary creation to guide

The details of his investigation are dutifully recorded in his journal, which later disappears. In 2010, Harold White

has just been inducted into the Baker Street Irregulars.

It is an elite literary club devoted to Holmesian pursuits. In the club, the world's leading Conan Doyle scholar claims to have found the missing journal.

But then the scholar is found dead, and there is no trace of the diary.

That's when Harold decides to begin searching for clues to lead him to both the murderer and the iournal.

The game is newly afoot: What Would Sherlock Holmes Do?

The tales of Conan Doyle and White, told in alternating chapters, make The Sherlockian, an entertaining novel debut for Graham Moore.

Both mysteries are well crafted, with gratifying and amusing nods toward the conflation of Conan Doyle and his most famous literary creation.

Just as Conan Doyle chafes at being unable to escape from under Sherlock Holmes' shadow. Harold's irregular colleagues scoff at his practical application of Holmes' powers of deduction even as they actually devise Holmesian plots of their own.

The parallel story format will not suit everyone.

The abrupt shifts between time periods and stories can be extremely jarring, even as they complement each other quite

Also, the Conan Doylecentric chapters start off a bit stilted.

The 19th-century prose reads as though it's a little forced, though they even out considerably as that mystery deepens.

However, these slight annoyances are rendered nearly insignificant by Moore's exemplary and admirable weaving of both historical fact and fiction.

Though the novel is packed with references to the vast Holmes canon, from the universally recognized "Elementary!" to more obscure academic tidbits, it is not at all necessary to have an encyclopedic knowledge of those stories.

This is a novel clearly written with great affec-



tion, not just for Conan Dovle and Holmes, but their 21st-century fans as

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Jacko's dad files lawsuit against pop star's doctor

Dr. Conrad Murray also facing charge for involuntarily manslaughter

Michael Jackson's father refiled a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday against the doctor charged in his son's death, and added as a defendant a Las Vegas pharmacy that records show sold the physician a powerful anesthetic blamed for

his death.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages against Dr. Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty in the separate criminal case to involuntary manslaughter in the singer's June 2009 death.

Joe Jackson initially filed his case against Murray in federal court on the first anniversary of his son's death. A judge, however, refused to hear the case and said it should be handled in state court, where it was refiled Tuesday.

"This has been a long process and the facts of Michael's death have been way too slow in emerging," said Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman. "There is still much to discover and we're going to find it out." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Uma's stalker facing more charges after call

A former psychiatric patient who was convicted in 2008 of stalking Uma Thurman tried to call her again, defying a court order to leave her alone after years of unwanted and weird advances, officials said Tuesday.

Jack Jordan was awaiting extradition to New York after he was arrested Nov. 23 in a Washington, D.C., suburb on charges of violating his restraining order by calling the actress's office, according to police and the Brooklyn district attorney's office, which is prosecuting the case.

George Vomvolakis, the lawyer who previously represented Jordan, did not return a call seeking comment.

Jordan, a former lifeguard and pool cleaner with an English degree from the University of Chicago and a history of mental problems, was sentenced in 2008 to three years' probation and told not to try to contact the Os-



car-nominated Pulp Fiction actress for five years.

Montgomery County, Md., police spokeswoman Lucille Baur said when officers went to serve the arrest warrant in North Potomac, they were led to a room where Jordan was sitting in front of a computer with Thurman's name in a Google search box

Baur said Jordan was arrested without incident and is awaiting a Dec. 21 extradition hearing. Calls to a number believed to be the family home where Jordan was staying rang unanswered Tuesday. Thurman's spokesman didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

He'd been convicted of

He'd been convicted of stalking and harassing the actress from 2005 to 2007.

Thurman told jurors at his trial that she was "completely freaked out" by his behaviour. He sent bizarre letter and cards — featuring such ominous images as a picture of a bride with her head torn off and such unsettling messages as "my hands should be on your body at all times"

Jordan testified that

Jordan testified that he'd developed a crush on Thurman in high school after seeing her in the 1988 movie The Adventures of Baron Munchausen. His feelings intensified after he saw her in the Quentin Tarantino-directed Kill Bill in 2003.

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Mayer has his sights set on single Longoria

If Eva Longoria is looking for a rebound romance, John Mayer is reportedly ready to serve.

"John is crazy about Eva," a source tells Popeater. "There is something about newly divorced ladies that drives him nuts. He was the same way over Jessica (Simpson) when she left Nick (Lachey), and now he has his eye on Eva."

Too bad Longoria is reportedly looking for anything but romance.

"Mayer can send all the flowers in the world and even show up under her window with his guitar and it would make no difference," the source says. "Eva wants some alone time. She is still heartbroken about her marriage falling apart."

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Tips from **Jody Dave**

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Tip No. 1Give skin an overall gleam by adding a skin illuminator to your foundation or tinted moisturizer.

This gives you the look of having your skin glow from within and softens fine lines and wrinkles.

Tip No. 2

Use a blush in the same tone as your lipstick to soften your dark lip against your skin to give you a warm brightness to your face.

Tip No. 3

Use a cotton swab dipped in moisturizer to gently clean under your lash line after you have applied your eye shadow. Any shadow flecks

that have fallen will be easily cleaned up with-out damaging your makeup.

Follow by using a light reflective concealer in your matching skin shade to banish dark circles.



Look No. 1

Guilty Pleasures — The classic smokey eye gets a jewel-toned update for the holidays

Gently fill in brows with soft feathery strokes emphasizing and enhancing your arch, then comb through to soften. You want your brows to frame your dramatic Holiday eye. Eyebrow pencil by Anastasia of Beverly Hills in a multitude of colors. \$22 @ Sephora (sephora.com)

With a dark jewel toned eyeliner pencil rim all around the outer edge of the upper and lower lash line. With a brush blend the pencil into your lash line and outer corner. Clarins eye pencil shade 09 Outremer \$25 @ select Department Stores.

Sweep a jewel toned eye shadow across your lid and upwards into and over your crease. Blend the shadow so there are no hard lines or edges. Single shadows 'Garment' and Bikini Gold' \$22 each by Lancome @ counters every-

Curl and apply mascara

paying special attention to work the wand into the base of lashes to help give a lush, false eyelash effect. Diorshow Extase \$28 @ select counters.

For even more drama rim the inner eye with a freshly sharpened black liner. Make sure you blunt the tip so you don't poke your eye! Artist Eye pencil by Estee Lauder \$19 @ Estee Lauder counters everywhere.

CHEEKS

A light swirl of delicate pink flecked with gold on the apples of your cheeks brightens and adds instant life to a pale Holiday com-plexion. Angelika by NARS \$26 at select retailers.

With your eyes taking the spotlight keep your mouth instantly kissable with a sheer wash of soft coloured lip stick in soft pink or tawny beiges. Perfect Rouge in 'Baby' by Shiat retailers.



Look No. 2

Read My Lips! — A modern twist on the old Hollywood alamour look

Use a pale eye shadow as a wash colour all over the eye lid and blend upwards to the brow. Color Intrigue Eyeshadow in tulle by Elizabeth Arden, \$23 at select retailers.

Using a liquid liner against the top lash line, make short feathery strokes out and upwards to achieve the desired thick-

When you get to the outside corner lift your stroke upwards to give a small wing. Liquid Liner in Black Ink by Lise Watier

\$18 at select retailers.

Curl lashes with a lengthening mascara and give your upper lashes a generous coat or two. L'extreme Lengthening Mas-cara Instant Lash Extension by Lancome \$31 at select retailers.

CHEEKS

Sweep a soft bit of blush in tawny neutral shades to accentuate the cheek bone and sculpt your face.

A pop of soft peach or pink on the apple of the cheek gives warmth to the complexion. Blu ray Bronzer and Blush in pink by Cargo, \$26 at cargocosmetics.com.

LIPS

Gently exfoliate dry or flaky lips by using a soft toothbrush or wet face cloth to remove dead skin; than use a lip balm.

Apply lipstick to your bottom lip only to start, sliding the tube back and forth several times. Gently press lips together and use your fingertip or a lip brush to distribute pig-ment evenly. For the per-fect party pout all night long first use a matching lip liner to colour in your entire mouth before you apply your lipstick. Rouge Artist Intense lipstick in satin bordeaux red and Matte Dark Raspberry lip liner by Make Up Forever, \$19 and \$17 at select retail-

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Cheeks

Colorstay Mineral Blush in 020 Petal by Revlon; \$12.99.

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Telescopic Precision Liquid eyeliner and Voluminous Million Lashes by L'Oreal; \$10.99 and \$5.99.

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are reminiscent of Paris in the spring.



Deck the halls with colour

- When it comes to festive decorating, let your imagination run free
- ▶ Small vignettes or big displays and it doesn't have to cost a lot

If you're decorating for the holidays, you can still dream big — even in smaller spaces and with a strict budget.

Experts say dedicating even the smallest area of your home to festive decorations can make a statement this season.

Whether you're hosting a big shindig for friends and family or enjoying a low-key celebration, the dining room table can be a place to convene and socialize or dig into a feast. It can also be a focal point for your holiday decor.

Toronto-based stylist and design expert Arren Williams created several distinctive tabletops with contemporary flair and vibrant colours, incorporat"With Christmas, there's really no limit ... You can pick a theme, you can do whatever colours will best suit you."

ing items from Home-Sense.

Each display also could be adapted as a standalone piece in other areas of the home, including on the mantel or on a front hall table, he noted.

"It really can work anywhere," Williams said in an interview at the Winners/HomeSense showroom in Toronto. "I don't like the holidays looking like it's a fungus that's grown all over yourhouse. I would much prefer to see really special

moments created."

For those seeking a traditional look with a twist, Williams showed a display inspired by candy canes with rich red-and-white striped candles, plates and retro canisters which can double as a vase, along with hobnail glasses and an oversized Nutcracker. In a change from traditional hunter green, he opted for olive-coloured cloth napkins.

For another alternative, try placing garland down the middle of the table while tucking in a few copper bay leaves or different florals with ornaments or Christmas baubles nestled in between, said Sokly Lay, boutique manager of Chintz & Company in Victoria.

"That's just something simple and easy and quick to do, and it's not that expensive to do either," she said, noting the look also works well on a windowsill or bay window.

Not everything you use for holiday decor has to be put back into storage at season's end. Stylish collectibles like decorative white pitchers can be used on a bookshelf or console table during the year but can work well in

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► Tap into current decor trends with high contrast black and white. A decorative red frame doubling as a namecard lends a pop of colour.

a holiday setting, Williams said.

"Throw in some great mercury glass decorations and even some fresh flowers in there too and have fun with them that way," he said.

For those who want a change from standard tree trimmings, consider looking to nature for inspiration. Lay said many

customers are buying either regular or Christmas florals with a little sparkle and putting them in their trees.

"We're finding the trends now, especially for Christmas florals, is anything natural like salals, ferns, grasses," she said. "Those have kind of been glammed up with gold glitter." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Holiday decor safety

Americans seems to have safety more top-of-mind than Canadians • Keep an eye out for counterfeit products

Before setting out to trim the tree and hang the lights for the holidays, ensure that you're playing it safe, experts recommend. A survey commissioned by CSA International finds that some Canadians don't always have the best habits when it comes to their seasonal lights and decorations.

The survey of more than 1,500 Canadians found one in 10 never check their lights for safety hazards before hanging them. One in four leave them up for months at a time, which could increase the possibility of residential

The poll, which also surveyed more than 1,000 Americans, found that our southern neighbours appear to have safety more top-of-mind during the holidays.

The survey found 44 per cent of Americans said they check to see if holiday items are tested and certified by an accredited organization compared to 40 per cent of the Canadians surveyed.

Also, 34 per cent of Canadians said they rarely or never check to see if an item has been tested or certified, compared to 23 per cent of Americans.

CSA International is a provider of product testing and certification services for electrical, mechanical, plumbing, gas and many other products. Here are their safety tips for holiday lighting and decor:

Check and check again

Carefully inspect holiday light strings each year.

Out with the old

Discard light strings with frayed cords, cracked lamp holders or loose con-

Size 'em up Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs and check to ensure replacement bulbs match the voltage and wattage of the original. Make certain that bulb reflectors are the correct size for the light string.

Spot the mark

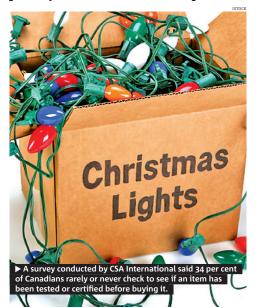
When purchasing light strings, extension cords and electrical decorations, look for a certification mark such as one from CSA International that provides assurance that the products are tested and certified to the applicable standards for safety

and performance. Also, ensure that outdoor light strings, cords, spotlights and floodlights are certified by CSA International and marked for outdoor use.

Don't be tacky

Never hang decorations from fire sprinklers, or allow them to obstruct exit corridors or exit signs, fire extinguishers and hose cabinets. Never tack or staple lighting strings or extension cords to a wall or cubicle. When hanging lights outdoors, keep electrical connectors above ground, out of puddles and snow and away from metal eavestroughs. Use insulated fasteners rather than metal nails or tacks to hold light strings in place.

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'Tis the season to sniff



KARL LOHNES HOME@METRO NEWS.CA With Christmas just a few weeks

away, its almost time to put up the tree.

Mine is a beautiful eight foot tall, pre-lit artificial tree that fools everyone who comes in. The branches are full, there are real pine cones wired on and the 800 sot white lights looks like stars in the sky. I think the biggest trickery of my tree is the scent; I love to have the sweet, refreshing smell of ever-greens and freshly cut throughout wood the main floor of the house as guests arrive. Here are a variety of fabulous ways to fragrance your home that'll fool even the most experienced tree farmer:

Fresh wreath

There's nothing more inviting than a fresh wreath on the door. If kept fresh, the fragrance will welcome your guests for week.

TIP: Use wreaths in more places than outside; displayed inside on windows or over mirrors is a great way bring the lush scent inside.



Best candle

With a designer mix of pine and patchouli, Dip-tyque's PIN candle (\$85)

will fragrance an entire room with the sexy smell of the Christmas tree Even the packaging evokes luxu-

TIP: When you burn near the bottom of the jar, use a non-scented votive candle. The heat will warm up the remaining wax and spread the scent into the air. holtrenfrew.com.

Best pot pourri

The Windsor Forest Fragranced Botanicals from Crabtree and Evelyn (\$45) are as beautiful to look at as they are to smell. Birch logs, pine cones, twigs, dried berries help bring

the forest to your home. TIP: Place 2-3 birch logs in a large elegant punchbowl and sprinkle the fragranced botanicals on top for a larger than life centerpiece on the dining or coffee table.

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Best room spray Imagine if you could gather up all the used Christmas trees and extract their natural scents of spruce.

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What spires in you that nostalgic sense of a simpler time when there was more fo-

cus on community and less on technology? Try this: a homey restau-

rant and gathering place that features dressed in brightly coloured sunflower tablecloths, 60s music playing Who Wrote the Book of Love, and a menu that features perfectly fried chicken with homey mac 'n' cheese on the side. It doesn't get more nostalgic than

The best part is that

Jean-Albert's food does not disappoint. The chicken was crispy on the outside without being dry on the inside. The mac 'n' cheese was not overcooked and the silver dollar-sized cornbread was warm and fresh the perfect accompaniment to fried chicken. And lightly flavoured lemonade was made from freshly squeezed lemons.

The whole experience was a satisfying, nostalgic noon hour.

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- Price range: \$\$
- Licensed: Yes



Ingredients:

- Half of a 750-g bag frozen potato chunks (about 750 ml/3 cups)
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- or chicken broth • 125 ml (1/2 cup) sour
- cream
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped smoked salmon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped red onion
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- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- · Flatbread or lightly toasted bread rounds

Smoked Salmon Spread **Preparation:**

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This appetizer is a twist on the classic Potato Skordalia. The rich flavours of smoked salmon and dill complement creamy potato base.

- In a large saucepan, bring frozen potatoes, garlic and stock to a simmer Cover and cook on medium-low heat for about 10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Let stand for 5 minutes.
- Mash potatoes evenly and stir in sour cream, smoked salmon, onion, dill and lemon rind until smooth. Spread on flatbread or rounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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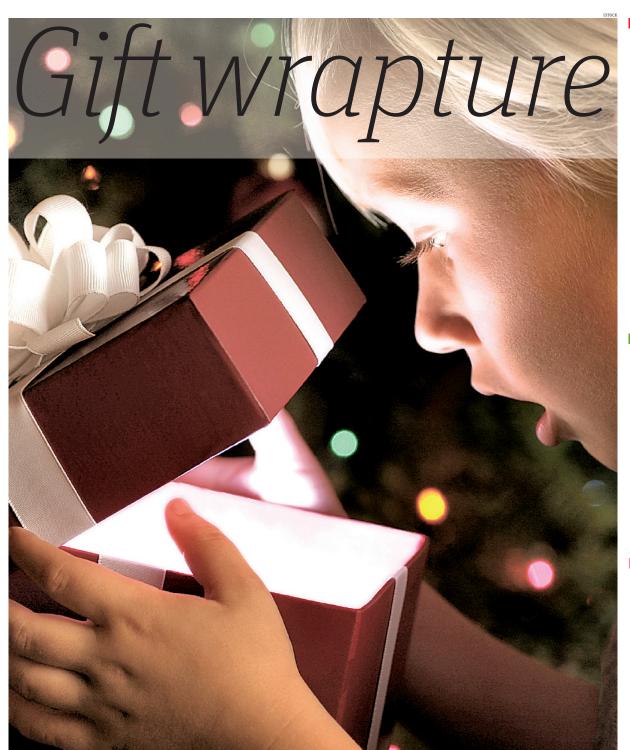
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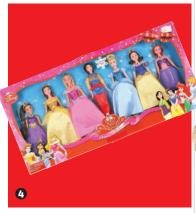
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As a member of The Beatles, John Lennon was among the most important songwriters in pop history. He helped unleash the form from the mundane and showed that ceaseless experimentation could lead you to learn more about the world, not iust teen love and the other tropes of rock 'n' roll.

As a solo artist, Lennon went in the opposite direc-tion, yet the destination was no less important or profound.

Signature Box, a loving repackaging of all of Lennon's post-Beatles mu-sic with heavy input from widow Yoko Ono, celebrates what would have been the singer's 70th birthday.

Included are the seven albums released during his lifetime, as well as Milk And Honey, which came four years after his 1980 murder, two bonus discs of non-album singles and previously unreleased studio outtakes and home recordings. It also contains a book that includes artwork, rare photos, access to online content and an essay by Anthony DeCur-

Iimi Hendrix. **West Coast Seat**tle Boy: The Jimi Hendrix Anthology (Sony/Legacy Recordings)



It's easy to think highly of Jimi Hendrix's signature songs. They soar with experimental sound and left a lasting mark on rock 'n' roll. What more could you ask for from Mr. Experience himself?

Well, West Coast Seattle Boy: The Jimi Hendrix Anthology is a five-disc (four CD/one DVD) set that gives you a little bit more background and context for the path that Hendrix drew for himself. It treats the listener to the backup work that Hendrix did to make ends meet and build up his credentials as the type session guitarist that could take your music a bit further.

The collection is brimming with previously unreleased recordings and alternate versions of songs from his solo career discography. The docu-mentary DVD is fine and full of rare footage and interviews, but the music

Bob Dylan, The **Original Mono** Recordings (Sony Legacy)



Let's just take a minute to think about how many different times Bob Dylan's first eight studio albums have been released.

Of course, there were the original mono and stereo versions from Bob Dylan in 1962 to John Wesley Harding in 1968.

Then there were the original compact disc releases, all in stereo. Six years ago we got six of the first eight albums in the experimental SACD format and then there were various vinyl reissues, both in mono and stereo, over the decades.

Now, everything old is new again with the release of all eight in original mono for the first time on compact disc in Bob Dylan: The Original Mono Recordings.

There's absolutely no point in discussing the quality of the music itself. The fact that it's some of the most influential, important, popular rock music of all time is well established.

Dylan completists will absolutely want to pick up the set; not just because it hasn't been previously available, but also because it does present the music as it was originally recorded and meant to

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Conflict (American Recordings/Sony Legacy)

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The individual LPs come in a thick and sturdy slipcase, and this set is all about the music – and what a sound it offers.

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Smart holiday decorating



• Don't wait till the last minute or you'll rush things and potentially increase your risk of getting hurt Oconsistency and theme more important to make vour decorations look their best



host Scott McGillivray has seen the best and worst of holiday decorating and now he wants to make sure your own Christmas decorations go off without a hitch.

The host of Income Property and new series Holiday Battle on the Block offers his Top 5 tips for decorating safely and with flair this holiday season.

Start early when the weather is still mild

By the time many people start putting up their decorations in mid-December the biting cold, falling snow and shorter days make outdoor work a lot harder than it needs to be. Ropes get stiff in the cold and snow or ice on your roof can make decorating challenging and potentially dangerous.

"Put up your decorations when you have some nice weather. November is a

it will be much easier than you wait too long, McGillivray said.

Wiring all your lights and electrical doodads into a timer is a great idea for two reasons: It'll make it easier to turn your whole display on and off and you'll be able to set it to turn on and off automatically. McGillivray recommends a 5:30 p.m. setting for going on and midnight for going off.

Get everything wired into a timer. Have a plan so all your lights are tied into a single timer so they turn on

o go on without a Send the g and off at present said. ness. Prepare for Also remember heiahts Falls are everysome of the most thing you common - and most put on your dangerous — accidents that roof needs to be secure," McGillivray said. can happen when decorat-

ing outdoors. Make sure Be tasteful your ladder is safe, have a To avoid having your

Watch it

Holiday Battle on the Block follows several families competing to decorate their homes with the best Christmas

street. The show, hosted by Income Property host Scott McGillivray, debuted on November 27 on HGTV and runs for four weeks. Check local listings for showtime.

spotter and buy or rent a harness if you're going to go on your roof.

"People aren't typically used to being way up on a ladder or up on their roofs. You have to be harnessed,

the pitch on most roofs is not safe

to

decorations look cluttered and messy, guide your design with a specific a specific theme (a specific carol or a Christmas-related book or movie).

"Pick a theme and stick with it. If there's no theme and intent to what you're doing, it's just junk on your lawn. The neighbours will appreciate it if you're tasteful," McGillivray said.

Don't be sloppy

Be a stickler on the details and don't leave things half-finished. Lights will look terrible if you don't secure them properly, for instance.

"One of my pet peeves is seeing Christmas lights wrapped haphazardly haphazardly around a porch. Do it properly or don't do it at all. Make sure your lights are spaced evenly and not drooping down every-where. Consistency is key decorations, McGillivray said.

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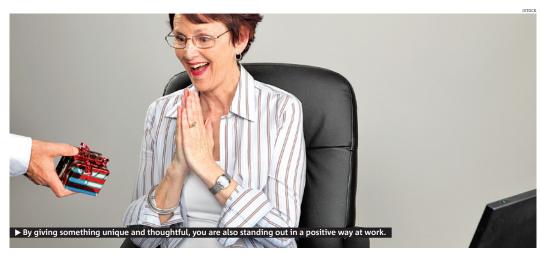
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Gift giving at the office



Have fun, but be careful

Giving to the boss and staff

- "Extravagant gifts can make people uncomfortable. A lovely notebook or journal is useful and thoughtful," says Holly Bohn, founder of See Jane Work
- Diane Gottsman, owner of the Protocol School of Texas, recommends baked goods as a possibility. "If you do give to the boss, give something like muffins wrapped in a basket or container with a ribbon. It shows that you cared enough to do something," she says.
- Bohn stresses that you should not push your own ideals on others. "You may think your boss drinks too much coffee, but if she doesn't agree, then buy her a commuter mug," she says.
- Direct supervisors should try to do something for their employees, according to Bohn. But "don't overbuy," she warns. "An extravagant gift can be irritating to someone who would rather have the money. Likewise, if there is a significant salary gap between you and your staff, don't be cheap; they will notice."



Holiday gift giving in the workplace used to be a relatively simple process.

One of the most important rules was that you never gave to those ranking above you, such as your direct boss or vice president. The boss or the company's president perhaps gave gifts to the employees, but expected nothing in return.

Times have changed, and we have a guide to help you

It is important to check your employer's policy about gift giving during the holidays, says etiquette authority Diane Gottsman, owner of The Protocol School of Texas. "Make sure you are not breaching any gift giving rules."

Assuming gift giving is permitted, Gottsman recommends that a gift giving standard be set early so people will know what to expect and how to factor it into their budgets. "Decide as a group what would be most desirable," she says. "Definitely set a limit, and then send out the 2010 gift giving memo on festive paper and set a date and time for the exchange. It doesn't have to be expensive, just festive."

Another option is a secret Santa, in which each person buys a gift for the co-worker whose name he or she draws.

"Drawings are fun, but make sure that they are not mandatory," says Holly Bohn, founder of See Jane Work. "Also, be considerate

"Definitely set a limit and then send out the 2010 gift giving memo on festive paper."

about the gift you submit. In a day and age of strict diets and struggles with addiction, alcohol and chocolate, these things are often off-limits. A fun umbrella or commuter mug is always welcome and says a little more about your gift giving efforts than, 'I ran to the corner store and picked this up.' By giving something unique and thoughtful, you are also standing out at work in a positive way."

Some offices have eliminated gift giving and instead donate money to charity. Another option is to purchase gifts for underprivileged children.

'Find out whether there are any nonprofit organizations that deliver meals to needy families in your area," Bohn says. "Make a list of the items they require, and post it in the break room. People can sign up without feeling pressured. Going desk to desk to collect money is not acceptable, neither is sending out a mass email specifying the people who still haven't anted up. Holiday drives and donations are great, but if they single people out who can't afford to participate, they are not in the holiday spirit."

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Make her feel special



Calvin Klein Beauty, Purse charm, \$50 It's pretty risky to endow your fragrance with such a loaded word, but CK has pulled it off, well ... beautifully. Sweet, light, and just a little spicy. The Bay, Shoppers Drug Mart and Murale.



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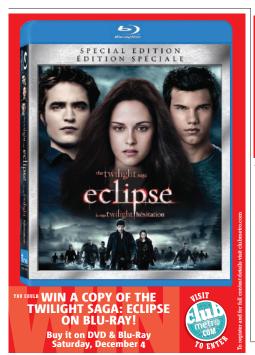


For those without a Metro the forecast calls for "I dunno," with a slight chance of "huhhhh?"

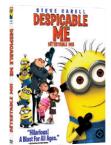
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It never wound up raining on the Alouettes' parade

They were predicting precipitation all day, but the only hint of inclement weather was the fittingly grey sky — an ideal backdrop for celebrating a Grey Cup championship. The toast of the CFL rolled down Ste-Catherine Street on flatbed trucks, cheered by boisterous crowds while the only raining clouds were the confetti from the rooftops. Quarterback Anthony Calvillo said he felt fortunate to see such crowds sticking by the team, even after it suffered a string of disappointing playoff defeats earlier in the decade.

Heatley finally going to hear it

No doubt a target for fans as he returns to Ottawa for the first time as a Shark tonight

Jason Spezza knows firsthand how hostile the fans at Scotiabank Place can be, and the Senators forward doesn't expect them to go easy on Dany Heatley when he makes his return to Ottawa tonight.

It's been 14 months since Heatley left the Senators for the San Jose Sharks after demanding a trade at the end of the 2008-09 season

Heatley helped lead the Senators to the Stanley Cup

final in 2007, but Ottawa fans were disgusted by his trade request, especially after he had just finished the first season of a six-year, \$45-million contract extension.

Spezza, who remains friends with Heatley, is hoping the Senators might benefit from the anti-Heatley sentiment.

"I'm sure it's not going to be pleasant (for) anyone that goes back to a situation like he's coming back



to," said Spezza. "But maybe we can get a jolt from the crowd."

Senators coach Cory Clouston, who was believed to be the main reason for the trade request, said he hasn't given much thought to the situation.

"To me our whole focus, especially mine, is getting our team ready to play the way they need to be," he said.

The Senators, who have lost six of their last eight,

can't afford to get caught up in any Heatley drama.

"It's a big game, but apart from (Heatley) we have to be much better and focused," veteran centre Mike Fisher said. "

Fisher was vocal after Heatley's trade request but he says it's all in the past now.

"He's in a spot where he wants to be now. It's got to be business as usual," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's 20,000 against Lebron

They're coming armed with lingering anger aimed at the Akron kid they watched grow up, the one they loved, who restored hope ... only to rip their hearts out.

Indeed, Cleveland fans are on edge this week. LeBron James, Northeast Ohio's prodigal son, is coming home.

Tonight, James returns to a city he thrilled for seven seasons and lead to an NBA Final. When he steps onto the floor as a visitor, he will be the enemy.

James and Cavaliers fans parted in July, when he signed as a free-agent with the Mi-

ami Heat.

No one knows what to expect from the eturn.

The Heat typically distribute the team's travel itinerary to beat writers covering the team, but did not for the trip.

Uniformed and undercover police will be in the stands, near Miami's bench and lining the tunnel leading to the Heat locker-room

Any purchased beverages will be poured into cups, so plastic bottles can't be thrown. The ASSOCIATED PRESS





Quoted



"The league doesn't care about us anyway. They don't care about the safety of the game. If the league was so concerned about the safety, why are you adding two more games

ON?"

PITTSBURGH STEELERS WR
HINES WARD, LASHING OUT
AT THE NFL FOR WHAT HE
CALLS ITS HYPOCRITICAL
STANCE ON PLAYER SAFETY.
HE ARGUES THAT THE
LEAGUE RECENTLY
TOUGHENED ITS STANCE
ONLY BECAUSE IT WANTS TO
EXPAND TO AN 18-GAME
SEASON.

"You talk about you don't want players to drink ... and all you see is beer commercials. You don't want us to gamble, but then there are (NFL-endorsed lottery scratch-off games)."

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strl
d-Washington	25	17	6	1	1	86	68	36	12-1-0-1	5-5-1-0	6-2-1-1	W3
d-Pittsburgh	26	16	8	2	0	79	62	34	7-5-1-0	9-3-1-0	9-0-1-0	W7
d-Montreal	25	15	8	2	0	63	51	32	9-4-2-0	6-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Philadelphia	26	15	7	2	2	87	64	34	9-5-0-1	6-2-2-1	5-3-0-2	L3
Tampa Bay	25	14	8	2	1	77	81	31	6-2-1-1	8-6-1-0	6-3-0-1	W1
Atlanta	25	13	9	1	2	83	77	29	8-5-0-1	5-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W6
NY Rangers	26	14	11	1	0	74	69	29	5-7-1-0	9-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Boston	23	13	8	0	2	62	46	28	4-5-0-2	9-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Carolina	24	10	11	0	3	71	78	23	5-5-0-1	5-6-0-2	3-4-0-3	L2
Ottawa	25	11	13	1	0	58	75	23	7-6-0-0	4-7-1-0	3-7-0-0	L1
Buffalo	25	9	13	3	0	62	73	21	4-8-1-0	5-5-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	22	10	12	0	0	57	57	20	5-5-0-0	5-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Toronto	23	8	11	2	2	51	65	20	6-4-2-1	2-7-0-1	3-6-1-0	L3
New Jersey	24	8	14	1	1	45	69	18	4-5-1-1	4-9-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	22	5	12	3	2	49	75	15	3-4-1-1	2-8-2-1	1-7-1-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Chicago 27 14 11 1 1 86 79	
Columbus 23 14 8 0 1 65 57	7 29 6-6-0-1 8-2-0-0 6-3-0-1 L
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St. Louis 23 12 8 1 2 62 64	4 27 8-1-0-1 4-7-1-1 3-6-0-1 L
Phoenix 23 11 7 4 1 66 68	8 27 5-3-2-1 6-4-2-0 7-2-1-0 L
Nashville 24 11 8 3 2 58 63	3 27 4-1-3-2 7-7-0-0 5-3-0-2 W
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Minnesota 23 11 10 0 2 56 65	5 24 7-5-0-1 4-5-0-1 4-6-0-0 L
Calgary 24 10 12 1 1 67 69	9 22 6-5-0-0 4-7-1-1 3-5-1-1 W
Edmonton 24 8 12 1 3 63 92	2 20 3-6-0-1 5-6-1-2 4-4-1-1 W

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column. Nashville 3 Phoenix 0

Detroit 5 San Jose 3
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. San Jose at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Florida at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m

N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Last night's results Edmonton 4 Montreal 3 (OT) Edmonton 4 Montreal 3 (OT) Boston 3 Philadelphia 0 Nashville 4 Columbus 3 (SO) Washington at St. Louis Phoenix at Minnesota Vancouver at Calgary Florida at Anaheim Tuesday's results Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 3 (OT) Atlanta 3 Colorado 2 (OT) Chicago 7 St. Louis 5

OILERS 4, CANADIENS 3 (OT)

 Montreal, Gomez 3 (Cammalleri, Darche) 2. Edmonton, Foster 3 (Gagner, Hemsky) 17:45

Penalties — Spacek Mtl (tripping) 3:14, Halpern Mtl (tripping) 8:01, Peckham Edm (hooking) 11:25, Pouliot Mtl (high sticking) 16:57.

Second Period

3. Montreal, Darche 4 (Cammalleri, Hamrlik)
8:01 (pp)

4. Montreal, Hamrlik 2 (Pouliot, Eller) 10:02 Penalties — Jaques Edm (holding) 6:50, Halpern Mtl (tripping) 16:23.

Third Period 5. Edmonton, Hemsky 7 (Paaiaryi) 10:0 6 Edmonton Gagner 7 (Hemsky) 13:17 Penalties — Hamrlik Mtl (high sticking) 3:54,

Horcoff Edm (high sticking) 11:36.

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Overtime
7, 2:28

Penalties — None.

Shots

Edmonton 9 13 8 2—32

Montreal 15 11 12 0—38

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W, NA); Montre

Price (OTL, NA). Power plays (goals-chance:
— Edmonton: 1-5; Montreal: 2-3.

Att. — 21,273 at Montreal.

SCUDING I EADEDS

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	G	Α	PT
Crosby, Pgh	18	23	41
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	10	22	32
St. Louis, TB	10	21	31
Semin, Wash	18	12	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29

E.Staal, Car B.Richards, Dal D.Sedin, Vcr P.Kane, Chi Byfuglien, Atl Backstrom, Wash Heiduk, Col H.Sedin, Vcr Perry, Ana Heatley, SJ Heatley, SJ C.Stewart, Col Eriksson, Dal M.Richards, Pha Ladd, Atl Getzlaf, Ana Roy, Buf Zetterberg, Det Selanne, Ana Giroux, Pha Plekanec, Mtl J.Thornton, SJ J.Letang Pub Letang, Pgh Liles, Col Ryan, Ana Toews, Chi P.Stastny, Co. J.Williams, LA Malkin, Pgh Duchene, Col Havlat, Minn Marleau, SJ Neal, Dal Kopitar, LA Tanguay, Cal Enstrom, Atl Ribeiro, Dal Dubinsky, NYR Iginla, Cal Pavelski, SJ Lidstrom, Det Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS — Named Terry Reynolds
senior director of professional and global
scouting and Melissa Hill executive assistant to the president of baseball operations and general manager. Named Marty Maier, Do-minic Viola and Steve Roadcap professional

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Nelson Figueroa on a one-year contract. PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Fernando Nieve, INF Andy Marte and C Dusty Brown on minor league contracts.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS - Signed RHP Casey Hoorelbeke.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed OF

BASKETBALL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Washington C Hilton Armstrong one game for a Flagrant Foul, Penalty Two against Miami C Joel Antho-ny during Monday's game.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Carolina S Sherrod Martin \$40,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Cleveland TE Evan Moore during Sunday's

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed T Rob Petitti. Waived RB Josh Vaughan. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DB Cove Francies to the practice squad. Waived RB Thomas Clayton.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Robert GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Robert Francois and CB Josh Gordy from the practice squad. Signed WR Terrance Smith and LB/DE Curt's Young to the practice squad. MINNESOTA WINIGS — Released DB Cary Harris from the practice squad. Signed G Andrew Martinez to the practice squad. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed LB Ramon Humber. Released QB Sean Canfield.

HOCKEY

NHL

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated LW Ethan Moreau from injured reserve. DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Joey MacDonald to Grand Rapids (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Stefan Della S1. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Stefan Della Rowere and F Dave Scatchbard from Peoria (AHL). Assigned F T.J. Hensick and F Chris Porter to Peoria. Placed F David Perron on in-jured reserve. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Blair Jones to Norfolk (AHL).

ALBANY DEVILS — Released G Jeff Lerg CHICAGO WOLVES — Reassigned LW Patrick Galivan to Gwinnett (ECHL).

Galivan to Gwinnett (ECHL).

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Assigned RW
Willie Coetzee, D Brian Lashoff and G Jordan
Pearce to Toledo (ECHL).

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned D Nick
Ross to Las Vegas (ECHL).

ELMIRA JACKALS — Traded F Samson Mahbod to South Carolina for future considerations. READING ROYALS — Signed F Vladimir Niki-

LACROSSE

MINNESOTA SWARM — Signed F Mat Giles to a two-year contract and D Scott Gamble to a one-year contract.

NBA

EASTERN CO	NFEK	ENC	Ľ	
ATLANTIC DIVI	SION			
	w	L	Pct	GB
Boston	13	4	.765	_
New York	10	9	.526	4
Toronto	7	11	.389	61/2
New Jersey	6	12	.333	71/2
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	81/2
SOUTHEAST D	IVISIO	N		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	13	4	.765	_
Atlanta	11	7	.611	21/2
Miami	10	8	.556	31/2
Charlotte	6	11	.353	7
Washington	5	12	.294	8
CENTRAL DIVIS	SION			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	6	.600	_
Indiana	9	7	.563	1/2
Cleveland	7	10	.412	3
Milwaukee	6	11	.353	4
Detroit	6	12	.333	41/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
San Antonio	15	2	.882	-					
Dallas	13	4	.765	2					
New Orleans	12	5	.706	3					
Memphis	8	10	.444	71/2					
Houston	5	12	.294	10					
NORTHWEST DIVISION									
	W	L	Pct	GB					

PACIFIC DIVISIO	N			
Minnesota	4	13	.235	9
Portland	8	9	.471	5
Denver	10	6	.625	21/
Oklahoma City	12	6	.667	11/
Jtah	14	5	.737	-

L.A. Lakers	13	5	.722	_
Phoenix	8	9	.471	41/2
Golden State	8	10	.444	5
Sacramento	4	12	.250	8
L.A. Clippers	3	15	.167	10
Last night's resul	ts			
A414- 112 MA	L:- 100			

Atlanta 112 Memphis 109 Oklahoma City at New Jersey Toronto 127 Washington 108 Portland at Boston Miami 97 Detroit 72 Orlando at Chicago Charlotte at New Orleans

Minnesota at Dallas L.A. Lakers at Houston Milwaukee at Denver Indiana at Utah

Indiana at Utah San Antonio at L.A. Clippers Tonight's games (All times Eastern) Miami at Cleveland, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

RAPTORS 127, WIZARDS 108

RAPTORS 127, WIZARDS 108
WASHINGTON (108)
Gee 2-3 0-0 4, Blatche 7-16 3-6 17, McGee 8-12
5-8 21, Hinrich 7-12 1-2 15, Arenas 1-105-6 7,
Booker 2-4 1-3 5, Wall 5-11 8-9 19, Thomton
1-5 1-1 3, Young 2-6 5-6 9, Seraphin 1-1 0-0 2,
Martin 2-3 0-0.6, Tolsa 33-83 29-41 108.
TORONTO (127)
Weems 7-12 4-6 18, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4,
Bargnani 8-13 2-2 18, Calderon 5-7 0-0 11,
DeRozarn 7-11 5-7 20, Barbosa 7-13 0-0 16,
Davis 5-7 1-2 11, Bayless 6-9 2-4 16, Kleiza 3-8
2-28. Dorsey 1-3 3-4 5, Wirish 0-0 0-0 0. 2-28, Dorsey 1-3 3-45, Wright 0-0 0-0 0. To-

tals 51-88 19-27 127. 25 27 29 27 108 34 38 29 26 127 3-Point Goals—Washington 3-9 (Martin 2-2, 3-Point Goals—Washington 3-9 (Martin 2-2, Wall 1-3, Hinrid-0-1, Blatche 0-1, Arenas 0-2), Toronto 6-11 (Barbosa 2-2, Bayless 2-3, DeRozan 1-1, Calderon 1-2, Kleiza 0-1, Bargnani 0-2). Fouled Out—Mone. Rebounds— Washington 41 (McGee 7), Toronto 61 (Dorsey, Bargnani 8). Assists—Washington 22 (Wall 8), Toronto 28 (Calderon 8), Total Eutle—Washington 22 Toronto 27 Stephin.

Fouls—Washington 22, Toronto 29. Techni-cals—Toronto delay of game, Toronto defen-sive three second. A—15,209 (19,800) at

GOLF

PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL

At Winter Garden, Fla. p-Panther Lake Course (7,223 yards; par-71— 35-36); c-Crooked Cat Course (7,493 yards; par-

	Course (7,475 yards, p	"
72-36-36)		
First Round		
Kyle Stanley	33-32-65c	
Scott Weatherly	32-35— 67c	
Ben Martin	35-31— 66p	
Joseph Bramlett	34-33— 67c	
Sunghoon Kang	32-36— 68c	
Brett Swedberg	35-33— 68c	
Paul Stankowski	33-36— 69c	
Danny Wax	35-34— 69c	
James Driscoll	34-34— 68p	
Elliot Gealy	34-35— 69c	
Brett Waldman	35-33— 68p	
Josh Geary	33-36— 69c	
Dicky Pride	35-34— 69c	
Seung Ho Lee	32-37— 69c	
Andy Bare	35-33— 68p	
Jarrod Lyle	34-36— 70c 34-35— 69p	
William McGirt	34-35— 69p	
Gavin Coles	34-35- 69p	
Andres Gonzales	34-36— 70c	
Cameron Tringale	35-34— 69p	
Jason Gore	33-37— 70c	
Kent Jones	36-34— 70c	
Billy Mayfair	34-35— 69p	
Stephen Dartnall	36-34— 70c	
Charles Warren	37-33— 70p 34-36— 70p	
James Hahn	34-36- 70p	
Gary Woodland	37-34 71c	
Scott Stallings	34-37 71c	
Matt McQuillan	32-38— 70p	
Roberto Castro	35-36 71c	
David Branshaw	35-36— 71c	
Rahil Gangjee	35-36— 71c	
Zack Miller	34-36— 70n	
Erik Compton	37-33— 70p 35-36— 71c	
J.J. Killeen	35-36— 71c	
Carlos Franco	34-36— 70p	
Todd Bailey	36-35- 71c	
Brian Bateman	35-35- 70p	
Stephen Gangluff	36-34— 70p	
Adam Blyth	36-35- 71c	
Ryan Armour	33-38— 71c 36-34— 70p	
Scott Gordon	36-34— 70p	
Also		
Ted Brown	34-37— 71c	
Richard T. Lee	34-37-71p	
Chris Baryla	36-36-72p	
Matt Richardson	34-40-74c	
David McKenzie	38-37-75c	
Jon Mills	36-39-75p	

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Manchester City (England) 3, Red Bull
Salzburg (Austria) 0
Lech Poznan (Poland) 1, Juventus (Italy) 1
GROUP B
Atletico Madrid (Spain) 2, Aris (Greece) 3

Rosenborg (Norway) 0, Bayer Leverkusen

(Germany) 1 GROUP C Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 1, Lille (France) 0 Ghent (Belgium) 1, Levski Sofia (Bulgaria) 0

GROUP G Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 3, Anderlecht

(Belgium) 1 Hajduk Split (Croatia) 1, AEK Athens (Greece)

Young Boys (Switzerland) 4, Stuttgart (Ger-OB Odense (Denmark) 1, Getafe (Spain) 1

GROUP I Metalist Kharkiy (Ukraine) 2. Debreceni (Hun-

Sampdoria (Italy) 1, PSV Eindhoven (Nether-

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals Yesterday's results Birmingham 2 Aston Villa 1 Ipswich 1 West Bromwich Albion 0

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
New England N.Y. Jets Miami Buffalo	W 9 9 6 2	L 2 2 5 9	T 0 0 0	Pct .818 .818 .545 .182	PF 334 264 205 229	PA 266 187 225 295
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WEEK 13
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Houston at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denwer at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m. Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m. Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Monday's game N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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AP TOP 25
(All times Eastern)
Tomorrow's game
No. 24 Northern Illinois vs. Miami (Ohio) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Saturday's games
No. 10 regon at Cregon State, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2 Auburn vs. No. 18 South Carolina (at Atlanta), 4 p.m.
No. 9 Boise State vs. Utah State, 3 p.m.
No. 10 No.

No. 10 Oklahoma vs. No. 13 Nebraska (at Arlington, Texas), 8 p.m. No. 12 Virginia Tech vs. No. 20 Florida State (at Charlotte, N.C.), 7:45 p.m.

No. 14 Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m. No. 23 West Virginia vs. Rutgers, Noon No. 25 Hawaii vs. Nevada-Las Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

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1 "Mamma Mia" quartet 5 Silent 8 Federal agent 12 Tide type 13 Exploit 14 Entice

15 Loftv 16 America's uncle 17 One side of the

Urals 18 Central 20 Trite

22 Extinct kin of the kiwi 23 Always, in verse

24 Door-frame piece 27 Woman's garment 32 — Dhabi

33 Astros' scoreboard abbr.

34 Rowing need 35 Profligates 38 Urban blight

39 Police officer 40 Hostel

42 Great emotional up-

45 Rough 49 Inning trio

50 Sheepish remark

52 Layer 53 Spool

54 Right angle 55 Family

56 Between jobs 57 "— the season ..."

58 Half the divorce settlement

1 Opposed to

2 Kidney or fava 3 Ointment

5 Handlebar, for exam-

6 NAFTA signatory 7 Note to the staff 8 Open areas in the for-

est 9 Pizza topping 10 Met melody 11 Spruced up

19 Therefore 21 Floral garland 24 Leno's prominence

25 Lawyers' org. 26 Sweet variety of wine

28 Internet giant

38 Grab 41 "Forget it!" 42 Actress Spelling

43 Regretted 44 Help a hood 46 Anger 47 Burn somewhat

29 Broadway offerings

30 "7 Faces of Dr. -

37 Spinning rate (Ab-

31 Work unit

36 Muss up

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48 Sea flock 51 "The Greatest" 53 Firmament

➤ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Haii Tiger! Happy birthday aka the anniversary of your umbilical cord separation! Hehe...mwuahh! I luff you sooo much and I hope you have a good day! You're the best hunnie. I love you <3 LOVE BUNNIE

at kiss@metronews.ca

Red, and yellow and pink and green, purple and orange and blue, you can see a rainbow, see a rainbow too. For my muffin. LOVE COOKIE

Leandro, I'm already missing you! The trip was perfect. Thank you for everything. It's like a dream F.K.G.

To my better half, the possibilities of a future that is ours is endless. You are my every thought, breath, action and heartbeat. Through thick and thin, for better or worse soy solo tuyo, ahora y para siempre! *6* tu ya tienes mi amor

Today







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T Aries March 21-April 20 Others may be impatient for you to commit yourself to their latest money-making scheme but you are right to think about it. How much will it cost if it goes wrong? Is there a get-out clause? Find out.

¥ Taurus April 21-May Today, friends and family members will be too busy looking out for their own interests to care too much about yours. But that's okay: You tend to do better when working alone.

II Gemini May 22-June 21 A delay or setback may be annoying, but it's only temporary. Don't lose your cool. Have more patience with yourself and with others and, most importantly, think long term

Gancer June 22-July 22 Others may be annoyed that you

are holding on to the purse strings, but you know how quickly the money will go if you let them buy what they want. They'll thank you one day for being so sensible.

are running high and there is no telling where it might lead. So, be careful when talking to people who seem a bit worked up. Don't do anything that might set them off.

M Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

Temptation is knocking today. Do you give in to your desires or do you keep them at bay? Only you can answer that question but remember this: it's not a sin to have fun.

 ← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Even if you're the kind of Libra who rarely gets emotional, you'll find it hard to control your feelings today. Perhaps you should let them out and make a spectacle of yourself.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Someone you live or work with seems determined to find fault with everything you do and it is beginning to get you down. Maybe it's time to rethink your relationship.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Close your ears to gossip and don't believe what other people tell you just because they believe it. Base your attitudes and actions on facts alone. If you don't know the facts, don't be judgmental. り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may be tempted to get involved in a situation that is none of your business today. There are more productive things you could be doing with your time, such as finding new sources of income.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Others may be urging you to make changes but it's not the right time to throw everything up in the air and see how it

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Something you have grown used to will leave your life today and you will, of course, be sad. But you are making room for something even better to come in. It will arrive very soon. SALLY BROMPTON

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